

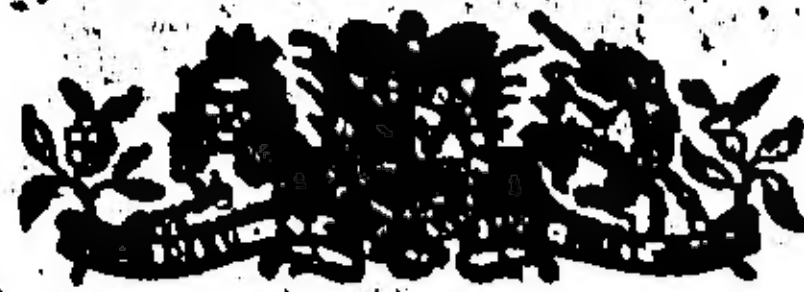
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EVER since the start of the Chinese Communist revolution there have been two views about its probable course. One school of thought has believed that a domestic revolution must lead on to an expansionist crusade, pointing to the first French revolution which led on to the Napoleonic Wars as an example. The second school agreed that in the first period of revolution there was bound to be high international tension. But it considered that given skilful diplomacy, the result need not be war; that a resurgent China would claim a new place in the world, but in the last resort might keep its ambitions within limits.

Six years after the establishment of a Communist government in Peking it is still uncertain which of these two views are correct. Last year there were forebodings that the pessimistic view was right. Today there is a very cautious hope that the second school of thought may have the better grounds for their views.

What solid evidence is there to give substance to this hope? It must be admitted that "solid" is hardly the word for evidence on which it has fed. There have, however, been a number of speeches, a number of reports, and a few gestures. They may mean little; they may mean more. The next few months may show.

A BETTER atmosphere became apparent a little before the Bandung conference. Upon the question of Formosa all problems between China and the West at present turn. In the early Spring there was some reason to fear that the Communists might take military action in the Formosa Straits. Then at Bandung, Mr Chou En-lai expressed his willingness to talk to America.

Naturally the Free World has pondered about the reasons for this milder tone. It is possible that China's domestic difficulties have dictated a slightly more conciliatory foreign policy. It is clear that China is in danger of a famine; moreover plans for industrialisation have not been carried out according to schedule.

Then followed the first gestures: the release of four American airmen and at the same time that of Mr Ford, the British wireless operator. And while too much can be made of these gestures, it is also true that every one counts, and it would be foolish to misinterpret them if they represent Peking's way of signifying that it wishes to negotiate.

JUST as striking as these gestures of goodwill is the recent declaration that Mr Chou En-lai is no longer refusing categorically and absolutely to let the Chinese Nationalists be a party to discussions about Formosa. If the Communists were to relax their demands for a complete boycott of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, that too would be a hopeful sign.

The Chinese people, says Chou, have two possible means of "liberating" Formosa, namely by war or by peaceful means, and he adds that the Chinese people are willing to strike for that end by peaceful means, so far as it is possible. In those words he has carefully enigmatically intentions of the Peking government. They may still mean that the Communists are preparing for a rash attempt to seize Formosa by force, which would mean international war. But the international atmosphere at the moment suggests otherwise. Negotiations for the eventual settlement of Far East problems would appear to be the best bet.

SURPRISE MOVE BY RUSSIA

Adenauer Invited To Moscow

Subjects To Be Discussed:

NEW DIPLOMATIC AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS

Moscow, June 7.

The Soviet Union today invited the West German Chancellor, Dr Konrad Adenauer, to visit Moscow "for discussions on the question of establishing diplomatic and economic relations between the Soviet Union and the German Federal Republic."

In a note to West Germany handed over by the Soviet embassy in Paris to the West German embassy, Russia said "The Soviet Government would welcome a visit to Moscow in the near future by Chancellor Adenauer and other representatives of the German Federal Republic."

The announcement that the note was handed over, was made to a Press conference in the Soviet Foreign Ministry.

The Soviet note said: "He who wishes to preserve and strengthen peace cannot but desire a normalisation of relations between the Soviet Union and the German Federal Republic."

In this normalisation "the peoples of the Soviet Union and Germany are interested more than anybody."

History showed that "the preservation and strengthening of peace in Europe depends to a decisive extent on the existence of normal good relations between the Soviet and German peoples."

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Turning to the question of trade relations the Soviet note recalled the "wide mutually advantageous trade" between the Soviet Union and Germany in the past and pointed out that such trade was now of a "limited and unstable character."

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Observers in Moscow said that even though the Russians might not expect Dr Adenauer to come, their strategy was probably directed towards German opinion as a whole, and particularly to those elements in Germany who believe that even neutralisation is not too high a price to pay for reunification. The Chancellor is expected to be under considerable pressure from the Social Democrats "to talk to Russia."

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DR ADENAUER

New Soviet Plan BIG FIVE TALKS ON FORMOSA?

London, June 7.
Informed sources suggested tonight that Russia may shortly propose a Big Five meeting including Communist China to tackle the Formosa problem.

This is one of the courses believed to have received the approval of the Communist Chinese Premier, Mr Chou En-lai, in recent mediation soundings taken in Peking.

The Indian Prime Minister, Mr Nehru, now visiting Russia can be expected to discuss Formosa with the Kremlin leaders.

Mr Nehru's roving Ambassador, Mr V. K. Krishna Menon, recently returned from a "helpful" 11 days of talks with Mr Chou. He has conferred here with the Soviet Ambassador, Mr Jacob Malik, official Indian sources stated, as well as with Sir Anthony Eden since his arrival here last Friday.

THREE COURSES

Mr Chou was believed to be considering three possible courses of negotiation on a Formosa settlement:

(1). Through direct talks between the United States and China.

(2). A meeting of the Big Powers with Red China and the Colombo Powers, including India, Pakistan, Ceylon, Indonesia and Burma, but excluding Nationalist China.

(3). A Big Five conference which Russia might choose to propose at the forthcoming top level meeting at Geneva next month.

Mr Krishna Menon, who is en route to the United States for talks with President Eisenhower and the Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, has agreed with Sir Anthony Eden that mediation efforts should be pressed.

Both feel that the Far Eastern atmosphere has improved in recent weeks. But they feel too that further relaxation is necessary before full dress negotiations on Formosa stand a reasonable chance of success. — United Press.

Younger Men To Get A Chance ATTLEE TO GIVE UP LABOUR LEADERSHIP

London, June 7.

Mr Clement Attlee will relinquish his post as leader of the Parliamentary Labour Party in October.

This was learned authoritatively tonight.

This decision follows news that three former Cabinet ministers are standing down from the Party's "shadow cabinet" now being elected. The former Chancellor of the Exchequer, Mr Hugh Dalton, who took the lead in this drive to give younger men a chance, appealed to other veterans to follow his example. He is 67.

SHINWELL AND

CHUTER EDE TOO

Two other veterans, Mr Emanuel Shinwell, 70, and Mr Chuter Ede, 72, have decided not to accept re-nomination, it is believed.

Mr Attlee (who is 72) will, it is understood, tell the Party's annual conference, due to open on October 10, he will not be available as Party leader, a post he has held for 20 years. But according to friends close to him, he will accept nomination as leader for the first few months of the Parliament which opened yesterday and is likely to be elected unopposed for this short spell.

Sources in Mr Attlee's confidence described as inaccurate report that he would retire from the leadership in July when Parliament starts its long summer vacation.

BIG CHANGES

EXPECTED

But they confirmed that following Labour's defeat in May 24 general election big changes will take place in Labour's "shadow cabinet" from



MR ATTLEE

which some of the veterans intend to depart.

Mr Hugh Dalton, 67, former Chancellor of the Exchequer, has already announced he will not stand for re-nomination and has appealed to some of

the "old hands" to follow his example. Though this "proposal" was received with mixed feelings in the hierarchy, it is believed Mr James Chuter Ede, 72, former Home Secretary, and Mr Emanuel Shinwell, 70, former Defence Minister, intend to stand down.

Mr Ede was persuaded only with difficulty to allow himself to be nominated for the last session of the last Parliament. Mr Shinwell, who was displaced on Labour's National Executive Committee by a Bertrams some years ago, is apparently not anxious to cling to office.

WHO WILL BE

NEW LEADERS?

Well informed sources added that Mr William Whitely, the 72-year-old Chief Whip (Chief Parliamentary manager) of the Party, will follow Mr Attlee's example and announce at the October conference he does not intend to stand again.

Mr Whitely, who steered the seven majority Labour Government of 1950-1951 through its 18 months of precarious office will presumably carry on as Chief Whip between now and October.

As soon as Mr Attlee announces his intention not to stand again for the leadership, it will be open for the party to make nominations for a successor.

Right-wing Labour sources said though it was a certainty that Mr Herbert Morrison, 67, now deputy party leader, will be among those nominated, they expected that the Left-wingers would put forward their champion, 57-year-old Mr Aneurin Bevan.

In a straight fight between these two, the odds would be heavily in favour of Mr Morrison, who has been his Party's chief strategist for many years.

MR GAITSKELL'S

CLAIM TO FAME

But in the party, still smarting after its election reverses, which some blame on weakness of elderly leaders in standing up to the continuous challenges of the Left wing—a section will press the claims of Mr Hugh Gaitskell, former Chancellor of the Exchequer.

They see in this strong right-winger, and anti-Beveridge type of "young" and vigorous leader whom they consider necessary if the Labour move-

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HOPES OF EARLY END TO STRIKES

London, June 7.

Round-the-clock conciliation efforts by leaders of Britain's eight-million-strong Trades Union Congress tonight gave promise of an early settlement of the rail and dock strikes.

Tonight the nation was looking hopefully to the next 24 hours to produce further conciliation moves which would restore peace in the state-owned rail system and in six key ports by the week-end.

The brightest pointer to a settlement of the 10-day-old rail strike came late today when leaders of 70,000 striking train drivers and firemen agreed to a "peace plan" proposed by the TUC chiefs.

DOCK STRIKES HOPES

There was also fresh hope tonight, in dockland, where a stoppage by more than 20,000 workers was tying up 172 ships in six ports and leaving a further 81 ships unaccompanied.

A surprise concession was made late in the day by the strike leaders, members of the executive of the National Amalgamated Stevedores and Dockers Union (NASDU).

The TUC said the NASDU chiefs that negotiations on recognition could not begin until the union had returned about 10,000 members it had poached from the TGWU in ports outside London.

Today the NASDU leaders agreed to stop accepting further members and to stop collecting union fees from the recent recruits from the TGWU.—Reuter.

Chou Accepts Offer

Djakarta, June 7.

The Chinese Communist Premier Mr Chou En-lai has accepted Indonesia's offer of its good offices in arranging talks between the United States and Communist China to reduce tension in the Formosa Straits.

Indonesian Premier Ali Sastroamidjojo said today.

of the remaining United States airmen imprisoned by the Chinese Communists. The Premier said that the visit had achieved "good results" in creating friendly relations and peace between China and Indonesia, based on mutual benefit and non-interference in each other's internal affairs.

He added that he saw for himself how the Chinese people were busily engaged in the construction of their country. He said that the desire for peace, especially among the youth, was very perceptible.

MOVE TO UNSEAT TWO CONVICT MPs

Belfast, June 7.

Northern Irish supporters of the Prime Minister, Sir Anthony Eden, announced today that they will go to court to unseat two convicts elected to the new House of Commons.

Two Irish nationalists serving gaol terms for raiding a British Army post won seats from Ulster Unionist (Conservative) candidates in the May 26 general election.

It was announced that Unionist parties in both constituencies had voted to take court action against the convict MPs who cannot sit in the House of Commons.

They won on a platform of independence from Britain and union with Ireland.

The men, candidates of the Sinn Féin, are Philip Clarke and Thomas Mitchell. Both are serving 10-year sentences from an arms raid last year and their election will not affect their imprisonment.

Ulster Unionist leaders of the Fermanagh and South Tyrone district voted to take court action at a meeting in Fivemile town last night. It was announced simultaneously that the mid-Ulster district approved similar action in a secret meeting last week.—United Press.

British Govt 'Embarrassed'

London, June 7.

British observers felt tonight that the Soviet move, inviting West German Chancellor Konrad Adenauer to visit Moscow to discuss diplomatic and trade relations had undoubtedly caused the British Government embarrassment and a certain anxiety.

They expressed the fear that a Soviet offer now of neutrality or neutralisation might have a great appeal to German public opinion. And they reiterated the Foreign Office opposition, announced on May 26, to any such ideas.

At the same time, these observers said they were not surprised by the Soviet approach, some, in fact, suspected that Dr Adenauer had already received a Soviet invitation at the end of May.

Authoritative circles, meanwhile, refused all comment on today's note. They said that it was up to the West German Government to react first, and that the British would have to study carefully the text of the note before comment.—France-Press.

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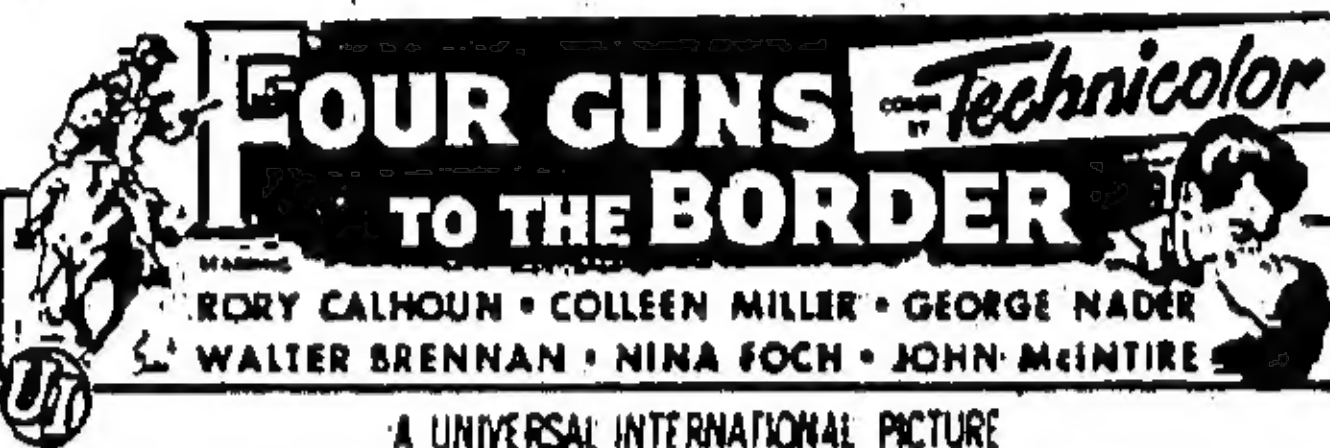
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MORE THAI TROOPS GO NORTH

Authorities Take Measures In Danger Areas

London, June 7. Marshal Pibul Songgram, Prime Minister of Thailand, said today his country was sending extra troops and police to the North Vietnam frontier following the setting up by the Communist authorities of a so-called autonomous Thai state.

The Prime Minister, who arrived here today on a week official visit to Britain, told a press conference at the Thailand Embassy that the "autonomous Thai" state in North Vietnam was similar to that already set up by the Chinese Communist authorities in Yunnan Province on Thailand's northern frontier.

He said the Thai authorities were taking all practical measures against the threats of subversion from these two danger areas.

The Marshal said that at the Bandung Afro-Asian conference Mr. Chou En-lai, the Communist Chinese Prime Minister, told the Thai delegate that Pridi Panomyong, former Thai Premier, believed to be backing the "autonomous Thai" state in South China, was now a political refugee in Peking.

He said the object of his visit was to reassure the people of Britain that the traditionally friendly relations between Britain and Thailand "have now become even closer by the fact that we are bound together by the Southeast Asian collective treaty and the Pacific Charter."

Speaking in English and French the Marshal said Thailand and Britain were co-operating closely in joint operations against Communist bandits in the Malayan peninsula.

Joint committees to combat the guerrillas had been set up and when necessary the police crossed the frontier in the course of mopping up operations.

He said he was looking forward to meeting Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, Britain's retiring Commissioner-General in Southeast Asia, when he passed through Singapore on his way back to Bangkok from his present world tour.

Mr. MacDonald will shortly become British High Commissioner in New Delhi.

Field-Marshal Pibul Songgram said his country was prepared to offer bases to the Southeast Asia Treaty Organisation (SEATO) if they were wanted.

In answer to inquiries about the political regime of Thailand, the Field-Marshal said: "Democracy is young in my country. She will be perfectly democratic in 10 to 20 years." Nobody, he said, wanted to assassinate him.

The free world is "where we are happy, and we are not ruled by force." Formosa, he replied, was in the free world, but in a state of emergency.

It was recalled to him that he recently said to American journalists that a third world war was inevitable. This time he obliged the British press by confiding that he thought we would have peace.—Reuter & France-Press.

Russo-Japanese Talks Recessed

London, June 7. Japan and Russia opened secret high policy negotiations here today to end their ten-year state of war—and then unexpectedly recessed the talks for a week.

It had been announced earlier that Mr. Shunichi Matsumoto and Mr. Jakob Malik, the chief Japanese and Soviet negotiators, would meet again on Friday for the second of a series of twice weekly sessions.

Today's decision of the two senior diplomats to put off the next meeting until Tuesday while they consulted their Governments "puzzled" diplomatic quarters here.

It also provoked speculation about a possible "surprise move" by Russia.

The meeting at the Japanese Ambassador's residence here today lasted about two hours after which the two delegates, each of whom was assisted by his deputy, adjourned to another room for tea.

Mr. Matsumoto told reporters after the meeting that he and Mr. Malik had stated their Governments' attitudes to the talks about normalising their relations.

He declined to say whether these covered the whole scope of the negotiations or whether they were put forward orally or in writing.

Answering questions about the postponement of Friday's session, he replied: "We wanted more time to study each other's positions."

Japanese sources, however, reported that Mr. Matsumoto had said that today's meeting produced a "development."

This was taken by diplomatic observers to mean an unexpected development. Since the basic Japanese attitude is already widely known it was therefore assumed that any new move must have come from the Russian side.

It had been agreed by Mr. Matsumoto and Mr. Malik in preparatory talks last week that the negotiations expected to last several months, would be cloaked in secrecy.

RUSSIANS DECLINE Soviet officials also declined to state the reason for the postponement of Friday's meeting.

Home Rule Agreement



M. Edgar Faure, the French Prime Minister, and M. Ben Ammar talking over the final problems before the signing of the Franco-Tunisian pact at the Hotel Maitland, Paris. — Express Photo.

DEGREE FOR ZULU

Hartford, Conn., June 8. A 40-year-old Zulu will receive a Master of Arts degree in education at the 229th graduation exercises of Trinity College on Sunday.

Absalom Vilakazi now is en route to South Africa, where he will undertake a research project in social anthropology with a Nuffield Foundation grant. So he may receive his degree, Trinity announced today it was waiting a requirement that Vilakazi be present for the award.

Vilakazi holds degrees from the University of Natal and from the Hartford Seminary Foundation, and recently completed studies at Trinity for his M.A. He is married and the father of five children.

While studying at Trinity he was an instructor in anthropology at the Hartford Seminary's Kennedy School of Mission. He has taught in the native schools of South Africa and was organising secretary of the African Teachers' Society at Natal.—United Press.

Air-Minded Starling

Shannon, June 8. An aviation-minded starling is preparing for motherhood here in the airport's most unlikely spot—the mobile steps used for embarking and disembarking passengers from aircraft.

The starling is trying to hatch out three tiny eggs inside the steps, which are wheeled on to the tarmac 20 times a day. Each time the expectant mother flies out screeching in protest, but she always returns. Between every aircraft departure, she returns to cover her eggs.

Airport workers, good family men all, hate disturbing the starling but they do not have a pair of replacement steps to smooth her path to maternity.—China Mail Special.

AWARD FOR DR. SALK

Atlantic City, June 7. Dr. Jonas F. Salk, discoverer of the anti-Polio vaccine, today received the 1955 Mutual of Omaha Crisis Award for his achievement.

The award, consisting of \$10,000 in cash, tax free, and a gold medal, was presented to the University of Pittsburgh scientists at the American Medical Association's annual meeting.

It was established in honour of Mr. C. C. Criss, founder of Mutual of Omaha, to "reward and encourage outstanding contributions in the fields of health and safety."—United Press.

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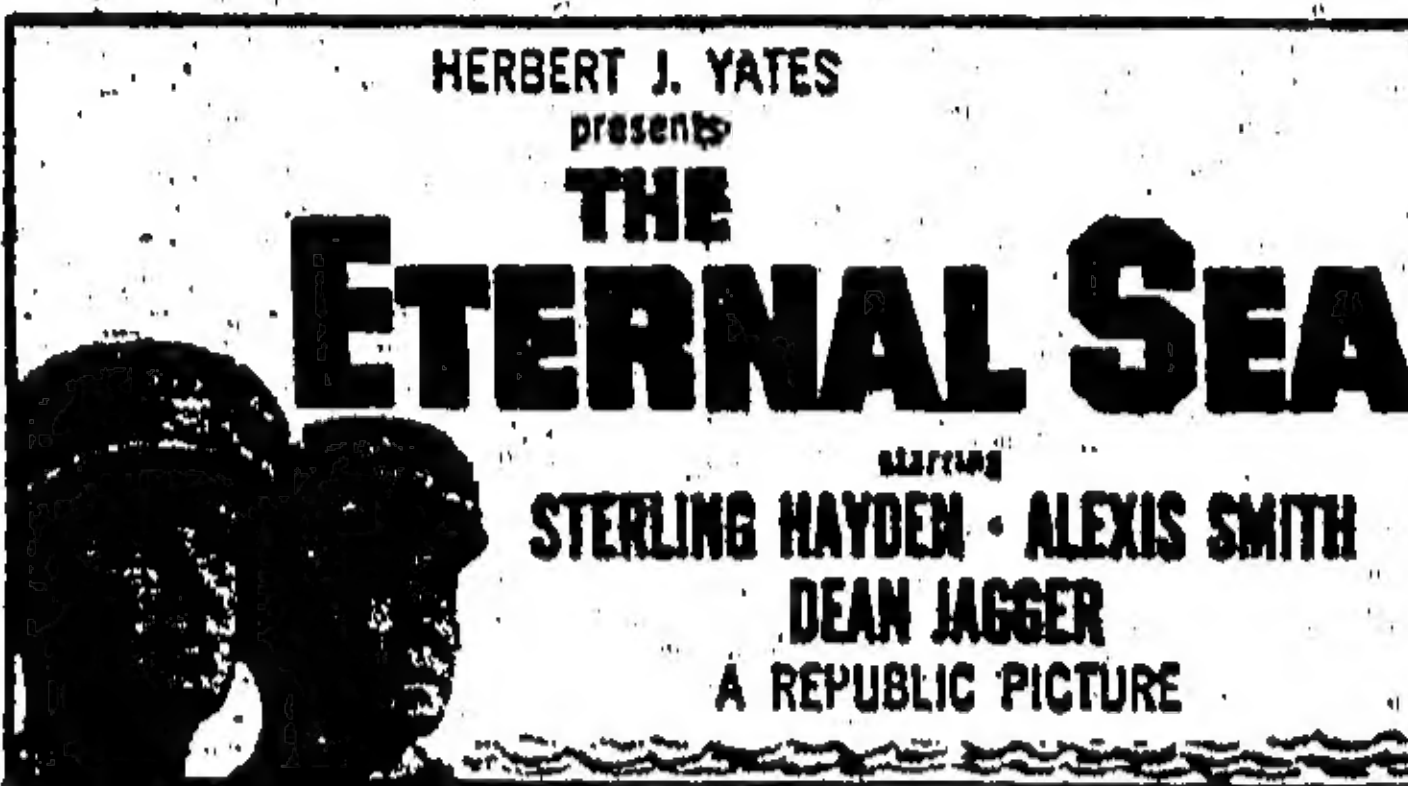
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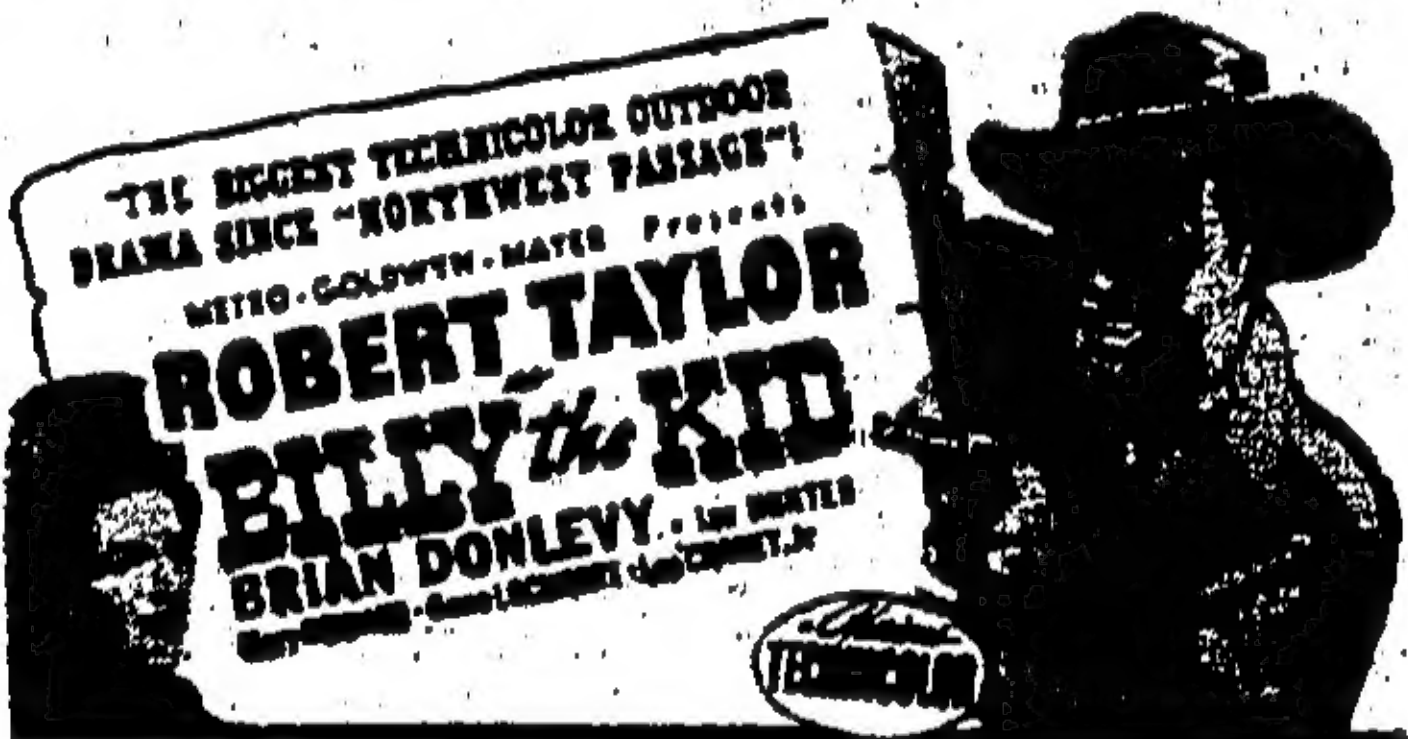
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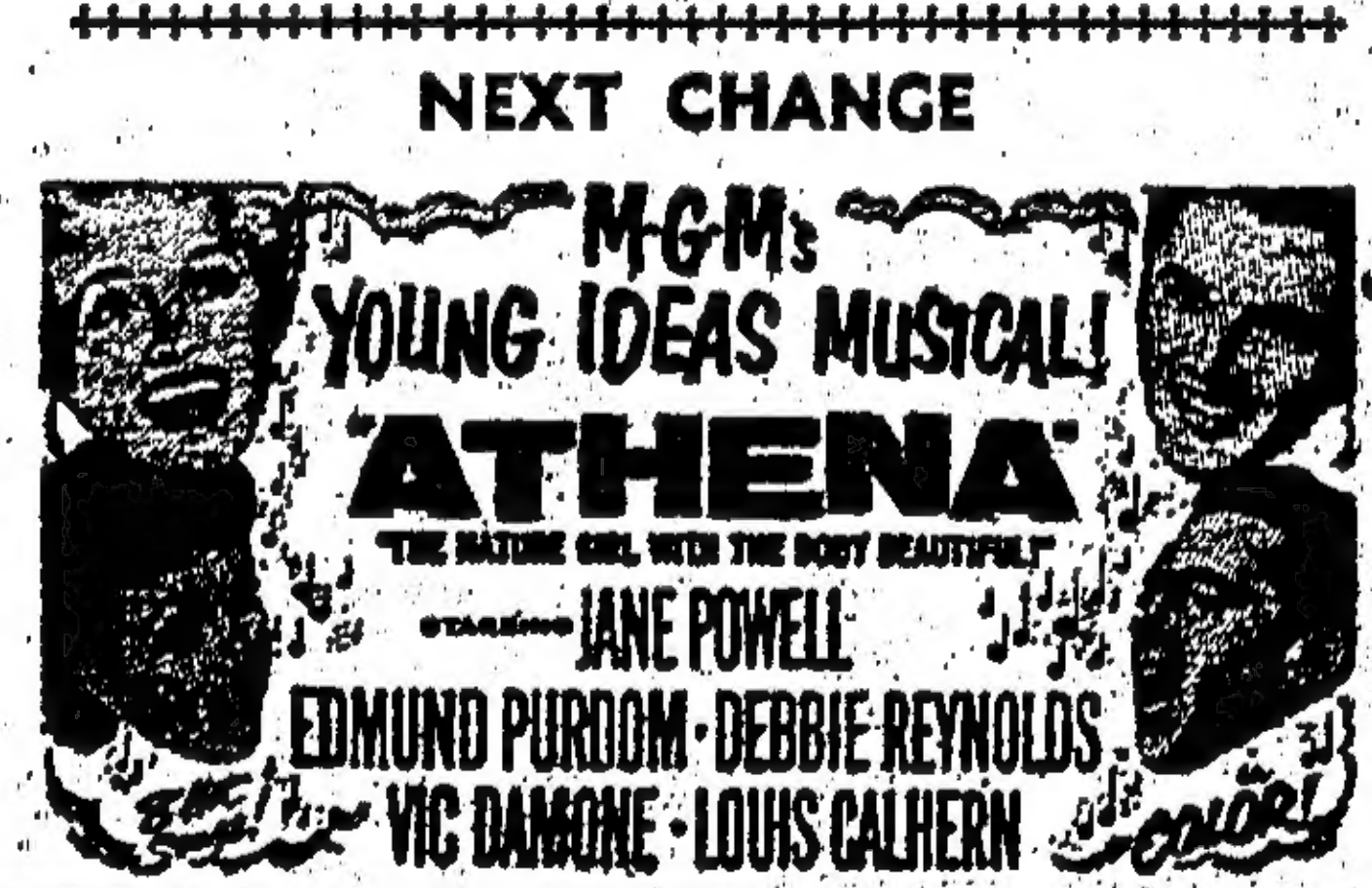
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CLERGYMAN FINED

Bath, June 8. The Reverend Gerald Hutchison told a court here he did not think his motorcycle needed either a speedometer or a hooter as the machine gave "very audible warning" of its approach and was not capable of more than 25 miles an hour as he weighed 18 stone. He was fined one pound sterling and told to carry them in future.—*Christa Mail Special.*

HOKKAIDO INCIDENT

Serious Int'l Law Questions Involved

Washington, June 7. The State Department today announced that the United States had asked the International Court of Justice to decide its claim for \$1,620,295.01 against the Soviet Union for the loss of a B-29 and crew off northern Japan in 1952.

It said: "Among the subjects in dispute are serious questions of international law. These include the validity of the Soviet Government's claim to sovereignty over the Hokkaido Islands situated off Hokkaido, Japan."

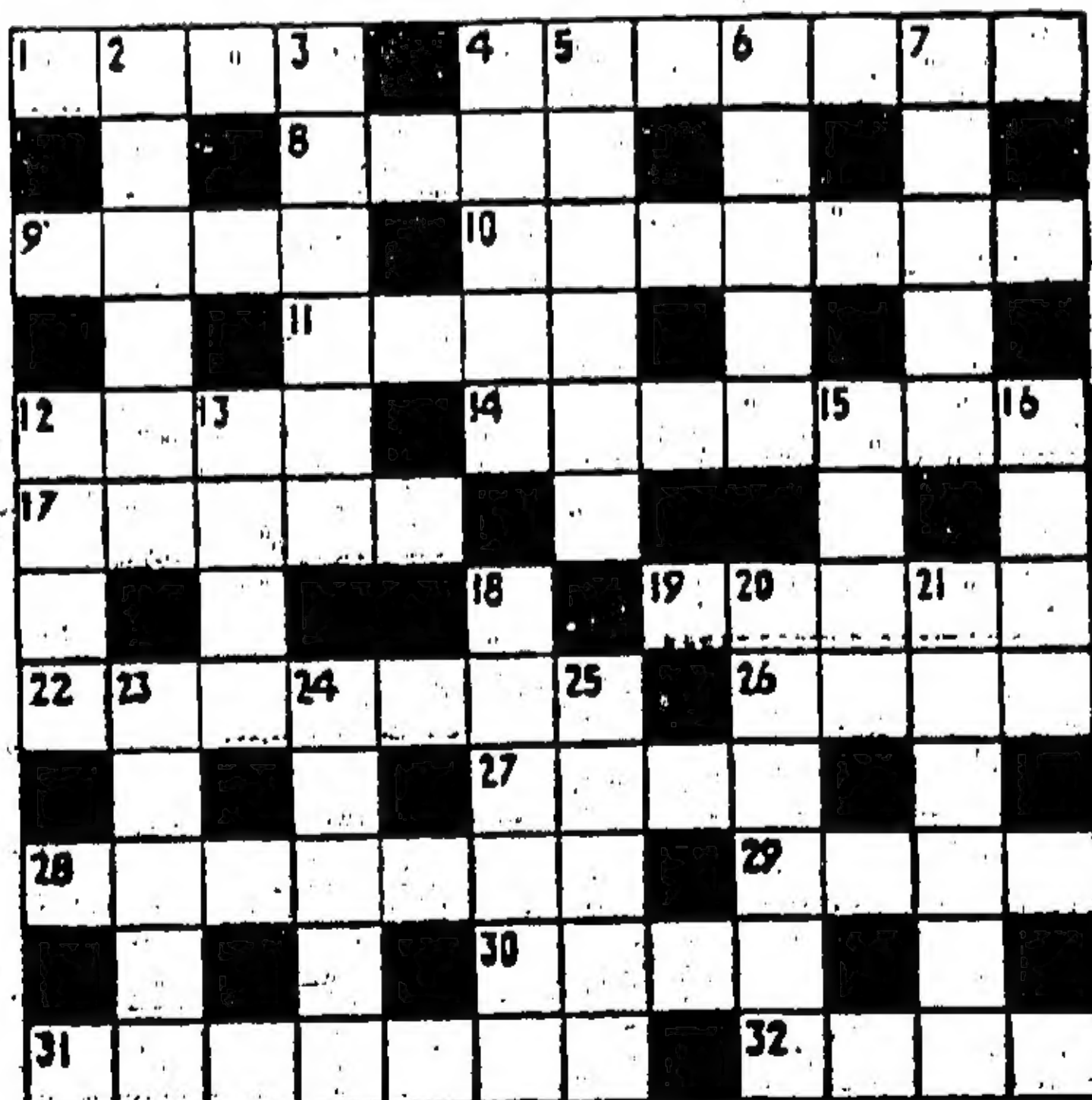
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"The United States Government supports the Japanese Government's denial of the legal right of the Soviet Government to the Hokkaido Islands."

"In filing the present application the United States Government is pursuing the policy of exhausting every available legal means including the presentation of claims in the International Court of Justice in order to bring an end to lawless attacks upon United States military aircraft and their crews."—*Reuter.*

Paris, June 7. The Franco-Indian negotiations with regard to the purchase by India of 80 French-built Mystere jet fighter planes are progressing favourably, informed sources said today. These sources said some details remain to be ironed out on the purchase of these planes, which are earmarked for the Indian Air Force.—*France-Press.*

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Cook (4).
 - Advantageous purchase (7).
 - Burden (4).
 - Operatic song (4).
 - Sensationally (7).
 - Slagger (4).
 - Breakwater (4).
 - Thoroughfare (7).
 - Got up (5).
 - Bet (5).
 - Cover (7).
 - Outlet (4).
 - Kernal (4).
 - Naval rank (7).
 - Put to flight (4).
 - Dextrous (7).
 - Interfere (7).
 - Outhouse (4).
- DOWN**
- Disgust (6).
 - Blazes up (6).
 - Bundles (5).
 - Grown-ups (6).
 - Dirt (5).
 - Creek (5).
 - Disfigure (4).
 - Solitary (4).
 - Border (4).
 - Species (4).
 - Ten-year period (6).
 - Words of (6).
 - Tolerant (6).
 - Fence of bushes (5).
 - Scottish landowner (5).
 - Actors parts (5).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Priest, 5 Melia, 8 Carol, 9 Mishap, 10 Nitre, 11 Relic, 12 Elch, 13 Tilia, 16 Reimote, 18 Reader, 20 Deeds, 22 Stern, 23 Icing, 25 Quota, 26 Deacon, 27 Ellen, 28 Seeds, 29 Recces. Down: 1 Pampered, 2 Insecure, 3 Scar, 4 Tapered, 5 Monitor, 6 Ellich, 7 Torch, 14 Tincture, 15 Examined, 16 Rascals, 17 Meander, 19 Edited, 21 Ende, 24 Gene.

ALL MILITARY AT DISPOSAL

Damascus, June 7. The Syrian Premier Sabri Assali, today expressed all-out support for Egypt in defending the Gaza strip or any other Arab region against Israel.

After a conversation here with the Egyptian Ambassador to Damascus, General Mahmoud Ryad, the Premier said that Syria would adopt Egypt's cause as if it were its own and would "put all our military and material means at the disposal of our sister Egypt in order to stand at her side in the defence of Gaza or any other Arab region."

"The Syrian people," Mr Assali continued, "is aware of its duties to support the (Egyptian) Government in any measure that the latter might be forced to take and will accept any sacrifice that will be asked of it."

SEIZE STRIP

Mr Assali said that General Ryad had shown him that the Israeli "intended to seize the Gaza strip, bypassing the UN resolution, and armistice conventions (but) the Arabs will not permit a repetition of the tragedy and will never allow 300,000 Arab refugees in this region to be expelled."

In Jerusalem, the Israeli Prime Minister, Mr Moshe Sharett,

told Major-General E. L. M. Burns, chief United Nations truce supervisor, today that the Egyptians were entirely responsible for the present border situation, it was officially announced.

In his meeting with General Burns to discuss the Gaza strip situation, Mr Sharett issued clear instructions against commencing fire in that area and had taken effective measures to prevent mine-laying.

It was learned that General Burns' visit to Cairo and Egyptian Premier Lieut-Col Gamal Abdel Nasser's proposal to establish a demilitarized zone was also discussed during the meeting.

Mr Sharett pointed out what he called the negative results of Col Nasser's proposal and suggested that the situation required a response to General Burns' invitation for a meeting at the top level to which the Israeli Government was ready to go.

Slave Traffic Still Exists

Paris, June 7. Pastor Emmanuel La Graviere, Councilor for the French Union, told the Anglo-American Press Association of Paris today that the slave traffic still existed between Central Africa and Saudi Arabia.

La Graviere who is inquiring into the traffic on behalf of the Assembly of the French Union, said he had been to Africa and had been given irrefutable evidence, including that from a Sudanese Arab, El Joud, who had been sold at Mecca. The Councilor said his information confirmed a 1953 report by the French Ambassador in Saudi Arabia and that he was trying to prevail on the French Government to raise the matter in the United Nations.—*France-Press.*

HEAVY PROGRAMME FOR NEHRU

Moscow, June 7. A visit to the heroic city of Stalingrad, which had to be rebuilt because of war damage, and to the Moscow underground railway will be features of Indian Premier Jawaharlal Nehru's current visit to the Soviet Union.

The details of Mr Nehru's talks with the Soviet leaders had not yet been fixed, but the remainder of his programme included:

Tomorrow: Visit to the Lenin Mausoleum in Moscow, followed by visits to the Kremlin, the Stalin car factory and ballet at the Bolshoi Theatre.

June 9: Visit to the aero factory and the agricultural show. Mr Nehru may also attend a reception at the British Embassy on the occasion of Queen Elizabeth of England's birthday. He may also attend a big evening reception at the Kremlin.

UNIVERSITY VISIT

June 10: Visit to Moscow University, to the underground railway, evening "Swan Lake" ballet at the Bolshoi Theatre.

June 11: Leaves for Stalingrad. Other places to be visited include Yalta, in the Crimea, Tashkent, Uzbekistan, the Altai, where virgin land is being cultivated, the industrial centre of Magnitogorsk and Sverdlovsk.

June 19: Return to Moscow. June 20: Visit to Leningrad. June 21: Return to Moscow, evening performance in Nehru's honour at the Gorki Park open air theatre.

June 22: Sightseeing in Moscow. June 23: Leaves for Warsaw.—*France-Press.*



Three of the leading French mannequins are in London to finalise contracts to appear on British Commercial Television which is due to commence operation next September. Picture shows: the three young ladies at the Empress Club where they discussed their contractual arrangements.—*Express Photo.*

MOTOR STRIKE THREAT Better Than Ford Settlement Wanted By G.M. Workers

Detroit, June 7. The head of General Motors Division of the United Auto Workers Union, Mr John Livingston, said today that he wanted a settlement with the corporation better than that just concluded with the Ford Motor Company.

He said that the union decided today to give General Motors until midnight Sunday to come up with a satisfactory contract settlement, including guaranteed wage payments, for 350,000 GM workers.

The action removed a two-edged strike threat against the Company by auto and electrical workers. The contracts of both were due to expire at midnight tonight.

EXTENDED

The General Motors contract expired on June 1 but was extended. The General Motors Council of the Union voted today to extend the deadline again to give both sides more time to work out a settlement.

It is believed the Electrical Workers Union will follow the UAW lead and order its 35,000 GM workers to stay on the job. The General Motors Corp. were under pressure to extend the principle of guaranteed pay to 360,000 more workers by midnight, and were faced with a twin strike threat from the CIO United Auto Workers and the CWO Electrical Workers. CIO President Walter Reuther and UAW Vice President John Livingston, were hoping they might be able to wring even more concessions from GM than the Auto Workers Union won from Ford.

They called more than 300 delegates from around the United States to an emergency meeting of the General Motors Council to consider setting up machinery for a strike. The UAW's 25-member Executive Board was expected to approve any strike action requested by the council quickly.

FOLLOW LEAD

The IUE and UAW were negotiating simultaneously with General Motors. On economic matters, the IUE usually follows the general lead taken by the Auto workers in negotiations with General Motors.

General Motors and the union worked until 2.45 a.m. in their longest negotiation session to date early this morning.

They took a six-hour recess before resuming.

Mr Livingston sounded the keynote for the GM talks after the union obtained a new contract calling for a guaranteed wage from Ford.

"I don't see any reason why we can't do better than they did at Ford," he said. "General Motors certainly can afford it."

At Pittsburgh the United Steel Workers Union yesterday unanimously "determined to

achieve a substantial wage increase" in negotiations beginning today.

In a statement issued after the meeting the union did not disclose the exact amount of increase they would press for, but observers believed it would make an initial demand for as much as 25 cents per hour and finally settle for something like ten or 12 cents.

Both union and steel firm representatives were confident that negotiations would end without a strike and the President of the Union has stated that the question of a guaranteed annual wage will not be raised.

However, an increase in wages was expected to push steel prices higher. — *China Mail Special and United Press.*

Rail Strike Strains Britain's Roads

London, June 7. A British road expert, just back from a visit to the United States, has denounced Britain's "anti-qualified" road system, straining under the impact of mass traffic due to a nation-wide rail strike.

Tall, burly, Mr Wilfrid Andrews, Chairman of Britain's Royal Automobile Club—now crusading a "better roads for Britain" campaign—described Britain's roads as "wretched" and "hopelessly inadequate." He likened them to "a man who has suffered 30 years of creeping paralysis and is resigned to his fate."

CHAOTIC MESS

He told a London press conference: "The chaotic mess around London this morning will be an everyday feature of our life in a very few years."

"Unless a progressive road policy is provided immediately domestic motoring will very shortly become impossible."

Mr Andrews praised American drive and energy in dealing with road problems and contrasted President Eisenhower's call for "top priority to trans-

French Models In London For TV

Summit Conference WEST SPEEDING UP PREPARATIONS

London, June 7. The West began speeding preparations today for the Four-Power conference "on the summit" and appointed representatives for preparatory discussions to start in Washington tomorrow.

The Western Big Three study group is to draw up recommendations for the agenda of the projected meeting and for Western policy plans on Germany, disarmament and European security arrangements.

The United States, Britain and France last night invited Russia to come to the "summit" talks in Geneva from July 18 to July 21.

Russia was considered almost certain to accept.

WEST PONDERS
Western diplomats pondered who would be the Soviet representatives at the conference.

The conference is clearly scheduled as a meeting of heads of government, that ordinarily would mean Marshal Nikolai Bulganin. It remains to be seen whether he will be accompanied by the boss of the Communist Party, Mr Nikita Khrushchev, who took the lead in the recent Belgrade discussions with Marshal Tito.

Persistent rumours also have it that Mr V. M. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Minister, may be heading for retirement this year and that his grip on foreign policy direction is loosening.

This uncertainty tends to lessen prospects for sweeping results when President Eisenhower, Sir Anthony Eden and the French Premier, M. Edgar Faure, meet with the Soviets next month, diplomats cautioned.

The US Secretary of State, Mr John Foster Dulles, already warned that more than one meeting would be necessary to relax the existing East-West tension.

"Meanwhile, a crowded diplomatic time-table emerged, today from the West's latest consultations.

From tomorrow Western Big Three experts will meet in Washington to start preparations for the forthcoming negotiations with Russia.

Lord Hood, head of the Foreign Office's Western Organisation Department, is leading Britain's team of experts.

DULLES MEETING

On June 16 Mr Dulles will meet with the British Foreign Secretary, Mr Harold Macmillan, and the French Foreign Minister, M. Antoine Pinay, in New York to align policies on the basis of their experts' recommendations.

On June 20 they will meet in San Francisco—on the occasion of the United Nations anniversary celebrations—with Mr Molotov to fix the final details of their formal meeting in Geneva which will be preceded by a few days by the conference of the Big Four heads of government.

The West envisages that the agenda of the forthcoming talks should include, at any rate, Germany, East-West disarmament, and European security arrangements.

East-West trade may also be considered in the broader context of a European settlement.

The West has abandoned the idea of a step-by-step settlement and feels that a German solution should now be sought within a broader framework of European security arrangements, based on phased and balanced East-West disarmament.

The heads of government will, however, not seek agreements at their Geneva meeting; they will set only the directives for their Ministers who, with their experts, will later get to work on detailed plans.—*United Press.*

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All eyes turn to the man from Mecca...

● ANOTHER tale which puts the question—is this FACT or FICTION? All the stories in this series by famous writers COULD be true... It is for you to decide whether they actually happened. Tomorrow the answer will be given.

ONE recent February it was made clearer to me than ever what odd ideas some people can have about the British. I was driving through Alabama, in the Deep South of the USA, enjoying the charm of the lazy derelict atmosphere where the paint comes off every wall, windows seem crooked and the trees look as if they trail lace from their branches.

At a decayed little town I decided to have a little late afternoon refreshment. I went into a cafe and ordered a hamburger and coffee. "Everything on?" said the thick-set man behind the counter, referring to the possible addition of sauces. "Everything," I said. "Where you from? Massachusetts or somewhere?" I hastily denied any connection with the cam-Yanks and told him that I was British, which now and then seemed to be regarded as the lesser of two evils in the South. But this apparently wasn't the case at the moment.

A fine crew

"British?" he repeated, startled, and leaned a little towards me with his eyes narrowed. Having avoided the War Between the States, I wondered anxiously if I was now faced with the War of Independence. This was not a man to argue with, at close quarters. His arms were as thick as telegraph poles. However, he turned abruptly and started the hamburger sizzling, while he brooded over my nationality. When he turned again to put the hamburger in front of me, he said quite pleasantly, "Ah, was in your country once, yes, oh was there one afternoon." "Not a long stay," I said. "No, sir, ah didn't have no time to stay longer. Hit was March 1948, and we brought in a load of wheat to London. Ah was the cook. We had a fine crew, Canadians. Four of them had guce-lars an mahn made

the fifth. We had a lot of fun singing. Yes, sir! Ah was at sea fifteen years and now ah'm tryin' mah luck in mah home state. Mah name is Morris James, sir." I told him mine and we shook hands. "Hey," Morris now addressed a dark tubby man in the corner, "where's that coffee?" "Coming along, Brother James," said this man, going to work. "With cream?" "With cream," I said. Then Morris nodded to me and moved towards the rear of the cafe, holding a short whispered conversation with his assistant on the way.

Strange look...

The coffee was brought to me, and I was again conscious of a strange look from behind the counter. There was silence while I ate and drank, and noticed that the assistant was reading the Bible. He was one of those readers who move their lips. When this had gone on for some minutes he looked at me. "Well, ah have to shave as ah'm going to church," he announced. It wasn't Sunday and I found this slightly curious. I asked him what sort of church he was going to. "Holiness church," he said. "Ah'm the minister. Ah test help out in heah, you understand." "That's right, he's the Reverend," said Morris, in a tone of respect, from the rear of the cafe. The minister showed interest, and the minister was glad to tell me all about himself. He said he had been five years in the army. Then he had been paralysed after a brain operation, but the Lord gave him back movement so he had become a Holiness preacher. He had been in eight States in the past year, preaching. I asked where the service was being held, and Morris, who was also going, at once invited me to go along with them. When I accepted they were both extremely pleased. It seemed to me that this was likely to be a worth-while experience.

About half an hour later they were ready to go, wearing ordinary suits. Instead of the truck drivers' outfits in which they worked. I noticed that Morris and the Reverend now called each other "Brother James" and "Brother Foster," respectively. Morris drove us in his car, which was bright red and brand new.



by Geoffrey Cotterell

Another story by the immaculate author of *Handmade in Mecca*, Geoffrey Cotterell, a London University, served as a major in the Artillery during the war. At 35 he is a bachelor and lives at Wandsworth. His last story—like this one in the U.S.A., which he knows well—did not actually happen. Did this one?

We took a road through thick woods, bumping now and then when it became a sandy track. Occasionally we passed a dingy isolated hut with no windows, a Negro's home. The church, it turned out, was about forty miles away. Quite soon we called at Morris's home, a dusty farmhouse. Here was his wife, a slim agreeable girl. "How are you, Sister James?" the Reverend greeted her. Also present were their three small boys, Morris's mother and father, grimy from the fields but happy, and 87-year-old grandfather, who was in bed. The sitting room where we gathered had two double beds and some chairs. After some "sweet milk," which was not my dish, we went off again with Sister James, at enormous speed, on a proper road now. It was quite dark and the headlights picked out miles of trees and sometimes a derelict

Suddenly the congregation appeared from the shadows. They filed into the hut and Morris brought in his guitar from his car.

looking cotton gin. The Reverend and Sister James chatted in an animated way about changing the day of next week's prayer meeting. Finally we got to the church, which was a wooden hut with a sawdust floor and a dozen rows of seats. Light was operated from a post outside. It was a bleak spot, surrounded by dark, bare fields. Half a mile away could be seen the lights of Alabama state prison.

"Ah used to tote mah daddy's dinner all around this field when ah was a kid," Morris said, and suddenly the congregation appeared from the shadows. Fourteen-year-old girls, two women with children, an old man with moustaches, an elderly woman with glasses. They filed into the hut. Morris brought in his guitar from the car.

A duet

The service began. Morris accompanied the girls in several minstrel jazzy hymns—the hymn book was called *Soul Stirring Special* and numbers included *Scattering Sunshine* and *I Don't Want to Get Adjusted to This World*. Then there was prayer, with Morris and the Reverend each taking an independent line, which did not make for clarity. But I heard the Reverend giving thanks that this evening an infidel had been led into their midst, and was disconcerted to find that most people had turned to look at me. "Oh, may he turn his eyes from Mecca!" the Reverend exclaimed. "May he turn them, praise the Lord! May he testify tonight!" I was puzzled by the reference to Mecca and I was determined that nothing would make me testify. The elderly woman who sat next to me whispered eagerly, "Are you saved, brother?"



Drawn by Sherrill

Then two of the girls sang a duet and the pressure was off me for the moment. A collection was taken in Morris's upturned tubby. After this the Reverend began his sermon. He began calmly but again brought attention to me by welcoming my presence. This was followed by, and strangely seemed to be connected with, remarks about the age-old struggle of Christian against Moslem.

Testify!

While I was wondering how I came into this he gradually lost himself in an impassioned, shouting, hot gospelling harangue. When he sat down, exhausted, Morris jumped up and asked for testimony. The Reverend, recovering his strength, began to pray. "Oh, turn his eyes from Mecca and let him testify!" he whispered loudly. I went on looking at the sawdust, and finally they sang a hymn and it was over. Everyone went off cheerfully into the darkness, except me. I assured him that I had, and thanked him and the Reverend. There was no questioning their sincerity, nor that they brought comfort to those few people. They might be naive, but it was impossible not to change, you'll see the light, brother," Morris said, as we drove off. I nodded acceptance of this possibility. Then I said: "I didn't quite understand about Mecca." There was no answer, but the silence seemed to be loaded, so I let it drop. Then Morris and the Reverend became more talkative and cheerful. They offered me a mattress at the

THE KREMLIN VERSUS THE PEOPLE

By Walter Kolarz

AN American journalist, Eugene Lyons, has written a book which draws attention to what is perhaps the most crucial factor in the history of the Soviet Union. This is not the struggle for power among various Communist cliques, not the rule of the proletariat over other classes, not the attempt to establish a Communist society, but the fight for dictatorship against a whole people.

Lyons writes with great sincerity and a passionate accusation of the Soviet regime, the book does not, of course, conform to the standards of sober, objective, historical scholarship. Nevertheless, it does bring out with the greatest clarity a fundamental truth, namely that the Communist Party in Russia usurped power against the will of the majority of the people and has used violence and terror to maintain its position ever since.

How the peoples of Russia would have voted in even moderately free elections is not a theoretical question; it can be answered by the election results of the Constituent Assembly in November and December, 1917. Although the Communists were already in effective control of the larger urban centres, the Bolshevik Party polled only 25 percent of the total vote. Fifty-eight percent of the electorate voted for the Social Revolutionaries, who stood for moderate reform and the rest of the votes were divided among the Mensheviks (Social Democrats) and other groups.

Disaster

So disastrous were the results for the Bolsheviks that they almost lost the Constituent Assembly to meet only for one day after which it was forcibly dispersed by Red Guards. A peaceful demonstration of unarmed workers and students in Petrograd, in support of the Constituent Assembly, was attacked by Bolshevik troops, who killed about 100 of the demonstrators and injured several hundred more. This dashed hopes for the establishment of a parliamentary democracy in Russia, but it was only the prelude to the long fight between the Bolshevik Party and the people which has gone on since 1917.

Assassination

In the midst of the collectivisation campaign, at the beginning of December, 1934, Sergei Kirov, a member of the Politburo, Secretary of the Leningrad Communist Party, and widely regarded as Stalin's heir-apparent, was assassinated by a young man called Nikolayev. The circumstances of the murder are still obscure, but it became the pretext for the elimination of many of Stalin's real and imagined enemies. The Kirov purge was only a mild introduction to the unbridled terror of the years 1937-1938. Of the 138 members and alternate members of the Party Central Committee, only a score or so remained at liberty. Of the 737 members of the Central Executive Committee, the Soviet Parliament of that time, only a few dozen survived. One million, eight hundred thousand members and candidate-members of the Party, or more than half the total, were deprived of their status, which usually meant arrest, concentration camp and eventual death. The number of people without Party affiliation who suffered arrest and persecution went into millions.

The fact that the Bolshevik regime was a minority government was fully revealed during the war. Stalin had to rely on the patriotic feelings of the Russian people to overcome the Bolshevik Revolution and fan back on pre-1917 traditions and ideologies. But even this might not have helped had Stalin not received assistance from unexpected quarters, namely from the Nazis themselves. He and his regime were rescued, not in Stalingrad as is usually said, but much earlier in the war, when the Germans hoisted the swastika over this cradle of Slav civilisation instead of the Ukrainian flag.

Opposition

The war also left its legacy. Five hundred to six hundred thousand former Soviet citizens remained in the free world after hostilities ended. By staying abroad they manifested irreconcilable opposition to the Soviet system. Then there are the 60,000,000 persons who lived outside Soviet control during the war. They not only became acquainted with the negative aspects of the Nazi regime but they also learned some facts about Soviet rule. For instance, when the Nazis were inaugurating their own rule of terror they opened for inspection Soviet execution cells, mass graves and other "monuments" of NKVD activities. These things are not easily forgotten and one can imagine what difficult re-education problems faced the Soviet authorities in the immediate postwar period.

Finally, millions of Soviet citizens came into contact with the West either as workers or as soldiers in the Russian occupation armies. They all said and heard things which made them less reliable from the point of view of the regime. All the policy changes and personal struggles of the last few years are only new symptoms of the basic weakness of the Soviet regime, namely, that the men in power feel permanently insecure. Their authority has no sanction in tradition, no roots in convention, and nothing of that legitimacy which sustains hereditary monarchies or genuine parliamentary democracies. They know that even a small group of internal enemies, given propitious circumstances, can overturn a seemingly impregnable system. This explains the case of Beria and, to some extent, also that of Malenkov.

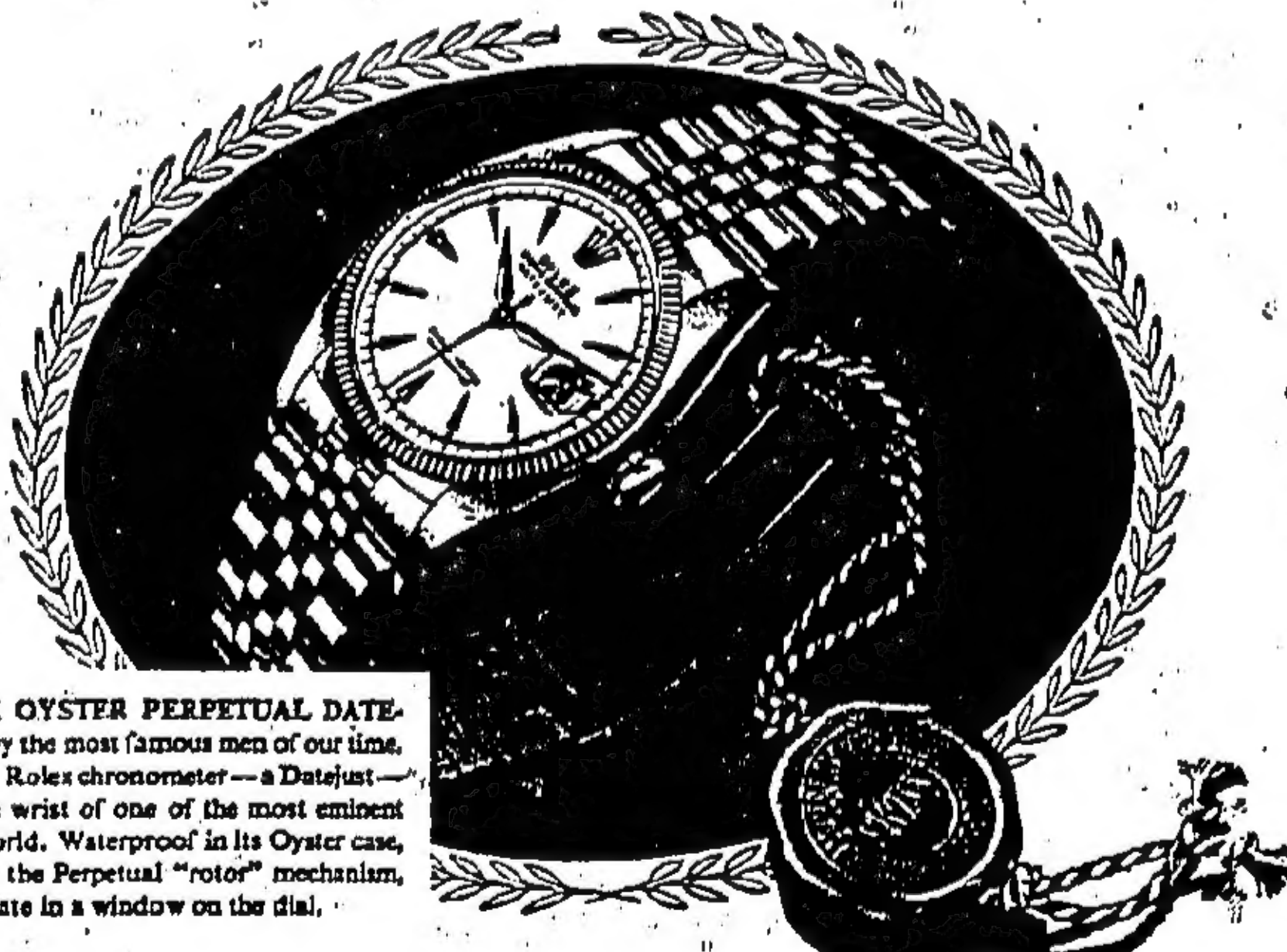
Defensive

Malenkov's downfall does not mean that the regime is being consolidated. The new modification of Soviet policy under the Khrushchev-Bulganin protectorate proves only that, as Lyons says, the Soviet Government, though now almost at the end of its fourth decade, still has about it "an aura of the tentativeness." It is still, perpetually on the defensive, "promising, boasting, explaining and, above all, threatening"—threatening both its own citizens and the world at large.

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Nathaniel Gubbins

AS eggs are so plentiful now and rotten eggs must be going at bargain prices, it seems a pity that, up to this moment, they have not been used as a form of criticism at election meetings.

There was a time, as any middle-aged man will tell you, when eggs, tomatoes, and oranges were buried at candidates' almost as a matter of routine. In those exciting, exhilarating days candidates expected to be under fire. At open-air meetings most of them carried umbrellas, whether it was raining or not, to use as a shield.

At indoor meetings some of the younger candidates became expert at dodging or catching the missiles while the delighted audience shouted "Played, sir," and "Oh, well caught, sir."

Older, short-sighted candidates, unable to catch or dodge anything, often mumbled their last appeal for votes through a blanket of egg yolk and tomato juice.

When my life partner, the Plucky Little Woman, was a child, egg-throwing was going out of fashion, though organised hissing and booing, the shouted insult and the threat of personal violence were considered preferable to the polite questions and reasoned arguments that make electioneering so dull today.

The PLW's mother, who was so far to the Right in politics that she wanted to main Radicalism with her hat-pin, and once told an astonished gathering that she would rather be kicked by a gentleman born than patronised by a guttersnipe, organised hissing and booing parties during elections out of her family of four little girls.

The children were paid a penny to shout hip, hip, hooray at the sight of a Tory and twopenny to hiss like serpents every time Lloyd George's name was mentioned or whenever his photograph appeared on a theatre screen. The PLW, says that, although it was never mentioned, she believes her mother would have paid as much as a shilling if her children had

pushed Keir Hardie under a bus. Now, it seems, all that fun is over like so many other delights of our robust yesterday. Food rationing ended the egg throwing lark during the post-war elections, but there is no reason why it shouldn't be revived.

Although I have no wish to encourage rowdiness, patience, by if you candidate is a woman, I would like to remind you once more that eggs are now plentiful and that as tomatoes are never at their best at this time of the year you might find other uses for them.

Tally Ho

"MISS GALLUP POLL and her dog Prince are after us," shouted Don't Know to Floating Vote. "Run, Run, Run." "Hide, hide," Floating Vote called back over his shoulder as they scampered into the bar of The Purple Bison.

When they had ordered drinks, Don't Know said, "The last time the cornered me she asked if I believed in talks at the summit. What did she mean by that?"

"She wanted to know," said Floating Vote, "if you thought that talks between heads of the Great Powers, including Russia, would bring about an easing of international tension?"

"I didn't know there was any international tension," said Don't Know. "You're being ridiculous," said Floating Vote. "Don't you read the papers?"

"Of course I do," said Don't Know. "I read all the sporting bits and the comic strips and look at the pictures of film stars."

"What about the leading articles?" asked Floating Vote. "I never know what they mean," said Don't Know. "What else did she ask you?"

"Not yet," said Floating Vote. "Both the candidates believe in peace. Who doesn't?" "Who indeed?" asked Don't Know. "Let's have another drink."

"Thank you," said Floating Vote. "And they both believe in social welfare, better housing, full employment, and being friends with everybody. So do I."

"Everybody ought to be friends with everybody," said Don't Know. "It's only natural."

"Of course it is. Friends with everybody," said Floating Vote. "Have another drink?"

"With pleasure," said Don't Know. "Friends with everybody. Americans, Russians, French, Germans, Japanese, Chinese."

"And Finns, Lapps, and Eskimos," said Floating Vote. "Don't forget the Eskimos. I'm rather fond of Eskimos."

"I'm crazy about them," said Don't Know. "Good old Eskimos."

"Good old Eskimos," said Floating Vote. "Tell you what," said Don't Know. "Let's have a drink with all of them."

"How many are there?" asked Floating Vote. "How many are there what?" said Don't Know. "Eskimos," said Floating Vote.

"I meant," said Don't Know, "let's have a drink with Americans, Russians, French, Germans, Chinese, Japanese, and Eskimos."

"All right," said Don't Know. "Eskimos first. Jolly old Eskimos."

"Dear old pals," said Floating Vote. "Jolly old pals."

"Give me the friendship of dear old pals," shouted Don't Know.

The baying of a bound was heard down the street. "It's Miss Gallup Poll and her dog Prince," whispered Don't Know. "Bark-barking of Floating Vote. 'Run, run, run!'"

"Hide, hide," whispered Don't Know.

"This way," muttered the landlord, opening the door to his private room just as Miss Gallup Poll and her enormous dog burst into the bar.

"Search me," said Floating Vote. "She's always asking me to vote made up my mind about the election."

"And have you?" asked Don't Know.

"No," said Floating Vote.

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JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Expert Uses His Hypnotising Skill

By OSWALD JACOBY

IT'S a bit ambitious to get to game on the North-South cards in today's hand, but every expert has been in many worse contracts. If you happen to bid five clubs, your contract depends on a finesse for the king of clubs. If you get to game in no-trump, instead, you may be able to survive even if you lose the club finesse.

Let's see how you would go about playing the hand at three no-trump. West leads the five of spades, and you see the dummy. You note the fact that the diamonds are rather dangerous, but you keep a poker face and play a low spade from the dummy.

East plays the ten, and you take the trick with the jack of spades and enter dummy with a heart in order to take the club finesse.

West naturally wins with the king of clubs, and here's where



"Here comes the part I was telling you about."

TARGET

U	A	F
E	E	L
T	C	F

Word game
HOW many words of 3 letters or more can you make from the letters in the square on the left? In making each word the letters in the square are on the left. Each word must contain the large letter in the centre.

YOUR BIRTHDAY

By STELLA

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

BORN today, you are apt to be a long way on the road to success. The stars have given you an abundance of talent—almost too much versatility for your own best good. Select some one thing as your major objective and go ahead with that until you have reached your objective. If you try to do too many things at one time, you may find your efforts are ineffective.

Among those born on this date are: Frank Lloyd Wright, architect; Samuel Bowles, publisher; Robert Schumann, composer; Robert Stevenson, inventor; Admiral David Porter, U.S. Navy; Henry C. Trumbull, author; Thomas Sully, artist; Charles A. Wickliffe, jurist.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

THURSDAY, JUNE 9

the job, but keep it up; don't lose interest before the job is done.

ARIES (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—Being independent is a good idea most of the time, but occasionally co-operation pays dividends, too.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—You should hold to a fairly regular pattern of routine, but it does not help to vary it now and then.

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—Be sure that you are selective if offered more than one opportunity. Take the best one.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Discussion can sometimes become acrimonious but a display of diplomacy can avoid an argument.

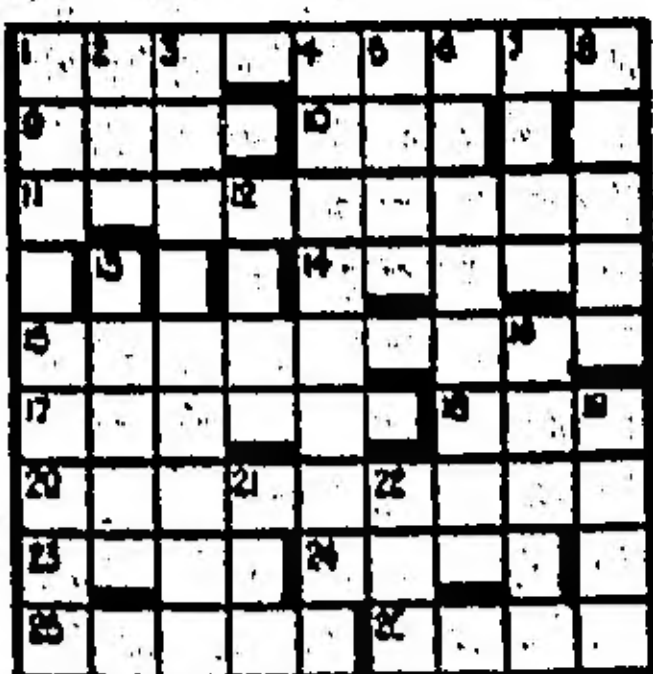
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—If you are sure, you can adjust personal matters to suit any series of circumstances.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Do not become irritated at a minor delay. It is only temporary and will adjust itself.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—This is likely to be a really busy day; get an early start so that you can get a lot done.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—Enthusiasm is a good thing on

CROSSWORD



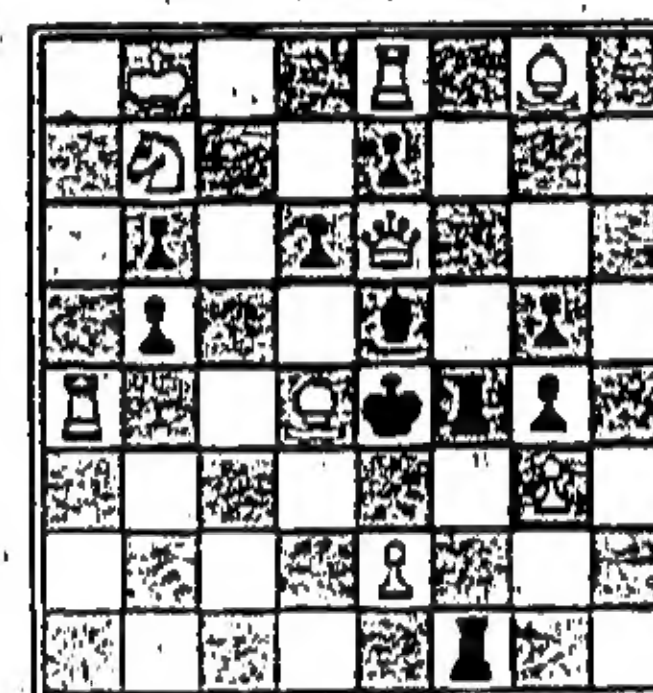
Across
1. A nurse must do, and a man on some work may make. (4)
2. The approach to the mine is on the level—almost. (6)
10. The quarters' room. (5)
11. Saint has a tale mixed up. (7)
12. Don is a dead with me inside. (6)
13. Weather man makes this kind of mad. (4, 6)
17. Old Spanish one is celebrated. (6)
18. Light and fantastic said the poet. (5)
20. Main title—for so describing a heel? (9)
23. Right dance it is doubtful. (4)
24. The Norfolk town starts of destination. (4)
25. The woman the masters? (5)
26. "It's true, it's true." And "It's true." (4)

Down
1. Is this vehicle always driven by a woman? (4)
2. The girl in Badala. (8)
3. Torpedoes to a submarine. (4)
4. They may be a summer-time amusement. (4, 8)
5. In a King pattern of music. (4)
6. In a King change. (8)
7. Not particularly well. (4)
8. The one is Page One news. (5)
12. Big top is circus one. (4)
13. Suitable for the gender as well as the color. (4)
15. and now best to cool them both. (5)
16. United with hatred and blood. (4)
17. Built with nothing to do. (3)
22. The kind of service usually given to a customer. (4)
23. The kind of service usually given to a customer. (4)

CHESS PROBLEM

By T. BLISTIN

Black, 10 pieces.



White, 9 pieces.
White to play; mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1. Q-K5; threat 2. Q-B4. 1... B-X6; 2. R-Q2 (ch).

WOMANSENSE

Pretty Poplin Dress



Horrorches tangerine poplin summer dress has an all over pattern of delicate traces of black leaves. The rounded neckline is outlined in black which is complemented by the low waist trimmings—Express Photo.

HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Clothespins need an occasional dunking in soapy water so they won't soil clothes.

Warm water is better than cold for sprinkling clothes. It seems to have more penetrating qualities.

To remove iron rust stains from material, wash the garment with soap and water, rinse well, then bleach in the sun.

Add a few drops of kerosene to the water used for cleaning windows. This helps prevent spotting from rain.

Put flour and seasonings into an empty shortening tin to flour meat before frying. Put several pieces of meat in and close lid. Shake well, let stand a few seconds, open and you have evenly floured meat.

A towel bar may be used as a holder to keep trays upright in a cupboard.

Jar rubbers attached to the underside tin keep small rugs from slipping.

Slightly rusty sewing needles tend to stick when used; correct this by pressing the needle into a cake of soap.

STUFF NATURE'S "CASSEROLES"

By Alice Denhoff

"CASSEROLES" that grow on vines and bushes are tomatoes, green peppers, cucumbers and summer squash. Hollow out these natural "casseroles," fill them with a savoury meat stuffing, and there you are with Nature's baking dishes!

Basic meat stuffing is given first for tomatoes.

Wash 6 large ripe tomatoes and remove stem end. Carefully insert teaspoon and hollow out centre. Mix tomato pulp, 1 lb. ground beef, 1/2 c. soft bread crumbs, 1/2 c. tomato juice and 1 slightly beaten egg. With a fork lightly stir in 2 tsp. minced onion, 1 tsp. chopped parsley, 1/2 tsp. salt, 1/2 tsp. pepper and 1/2 tsp. dry mustard. Pile stuffing in tomatoes. Place on shallow pan and bake at 375° F. for 45 minutes.

To stuff green peppers, wash 6 medium green peppers. Cut thin slice from stem end and remove seeds; parboil peppers 5 to 10 minutes. Dice green pepper tops and add to basic meat stuffing. Proceed as with stuffed tomatoes.

To stuff summer squash, wash 2 medium squash. Parboil 15 minutes. Cut lengthwise slice from side of squash. Scoop out pulp with teaspoon, leaving shell 1/4-in. thick. Dice pulp and add to basic meat stuffing, then proceed as in stuffed tomato recipe. For 3 servings, slice each squash in thirds.

To stuff 3 medium cucumbers, parboil 10 minutes. Cut lengthwise slice from side of cucumber. Scoop out pulp with teaspoon, leaving shell 1/4-in. thick. Dice pulp, add to meat stuffing, proceed as for tomato recipe.

In the same vein but on a different plane is a Shrimp Cabbage Salad that uses a hollowed-out raw cabbage.

Remove outer leaves from 1 medium cabbage; wash cabbage.

well. Cut slice from top. Hollow out cabbage by cutting with a sharp knife around cabbage 1/2 in. from edge. Cut inside section in wedges, remove core and chop. Combine with 2 (5-oz.) tins of shrimps (or use equal amount of fresh shrimps, shelled and cooked) drained and coarsely broken, 2 tsp. each salad oil and lemon juice, 1 tsp. cider vinegar and 4 tbsp. mayonnaise. Place in cabbage shell. Chill several hours so filling will be firm enough to slice. To serve, cut in crescent-shaped pieces. Makes 6 servings.

Tinted Cigarettes A New Fad

New York. It took a man to start a new fad among hostesses. Women all over the country—some from as far away as Bermuda and Hawaii—are ordering cigarettes tinted to match or blend either with their party frock or room decor.

The idea of the pastel coloured cigarettes originated with Nat Sherman, a New York tobacconist, who credits a congressman's wife with helping the fad spread rapidly. Sherman said he'd been making the coloured cigarettes for several years and in most cases was selling them to men who wanted unusual gifts for their wives or sweethearts.

Then recently Mrs. Daniel J. Flood, wife of a Democratic congressman from Pennsylvania, showed up at a Washington party with orchid-coloured cigarettes to match her violet dress. United Press reported the incident.

Sherman said then the boom was on. Women want the pastels for bridge lunches, teas, weddings and engagements parties. One customer ordered cigarettes tinted to match the pastels of her bridesmaids' gowns.—United Press.

Nylons: how to make them last

The answer: wear nylons suitable to the occasion. No very sheer nylons can give round-the-clock service. That is why Charnos (who do nothing else) make special nylons for daytime, special nylons for evening. Just choose the right type of Charnos and you'll find your nylons last far, far longer.



DAYTIME CHARNOS
"HONEY MESH" fully fashioned, neat heels. Non-run, in new fashionable shades. All sizes.
\$8.95 Pair or 3 Pairs for \$26.00

EVENING CHARNOS
"FINESSE", 12 Denier, 60 Gauge. Fully fashioned. Classy heels in 3 shades including "Pecan, Beige".
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BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

THE question now arises: Is a councillor justified in reading the bumps on a fellow-councillor's head during a meeting in the town hall?

Only if he is a phrenologist, you reply. A council has ruled that two of its councillors must sit apart from each other in future because one of them, who is an amateur phrenologist, was accused of "making rude remarks about the shape of his colleagues' heads." One can imagine the chairman's annoyance when a discussion on the estimates for a television hotel is interrupted by a voice saying, "That ugly lump on the left side of Councillor Faraday's head is either the result of a riotous evening or an indication of selfishness and dislike of domestic animals."

I once sat to a phrenologist on a seaside pier. He told me I had a genius for engineering, and for a week I tried to assume the look of one who is perpetually designing bridges. I thought of Mr. P. G. Wodehouse's housebreaker who was advised, to say that he was a veterinary surgeon. "Suck a pencil and try to smell of iodotorm."

Another fracas
THE actresses hit back again yesterday. Advancing on a crowd which had collected to

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

All About Whistles

—There Are Too Many in the World to Count—

By MAX TRELL

KNARF, the shadow-boy with the turned-about name, was walking down the street. It was a lovely morning. The sun was shining and the birds were chirping. And Knarf was blowing a whistle.

"Peep!" went the whistle. "Peep-peep!"

Knarf turned the corner and there suddenly stopped. For around the corner was a man playing a street organ. He turned a handle round and round. Knarf stopped blowing his whistle to listen to the music of the hand organ.

The man playing the hand organ finally stopped turning the handle.

"My organ is a whistle, too," he said. "Just look!"

With that the man lifted the top of the hand organ. Knarf looked down and saw a cluster of little whistles.

"Sometimes all the whistles whistle together," said the man. "Sometimes they whistle one at a time. Each of the whistles has a different sound, some high and some low."

The man shut the top again and played another song. All the whistles inside the organ whistled! Knarf joined in with them. He blew on his whistle too.

A Giant Whistle

All at once, there was a great, loud, rough, roaring whistle. It came from down by the river.

"Now there," said the man, "is really a big whistle. It's bigger than all my hand-organ whistles together. It's bigger than your little whistle. It's a steamboat whistle!"

"How many whistles are there," asked Knarf, "in all the world?"

"Well," said the man, "I once started to count them. It happened one night when I was lying in my bed trying to fall asleep."

"Did you count them all?" asked Knarf.

"I don't think so," said the man. "I thought of all the boys and girls who had little tin whistles. Then I thought of all the policemen that had big brass whistles. Then I thought of all the steamboats that had big iron whistles. Then I thought of all the locomotives and all the factories that had whistles made of goodness-knows-what."

The organ-grinder-man stopped to catch his breath, for he had really been talking very fast.

Always One More

He continued: "Then I thought of all the peanut whistles in the world and all the bird whistles and all the cricket and toad whistles. I thought of the tea-kettle whistles and the winds that went whistling through the trees. Then I got out a long piece of paper and added them all up."

"How many were there?" asked Knarf.

"Millions!" said the man. "Millions, and billions and trillions! It was such a big number that when I looked at

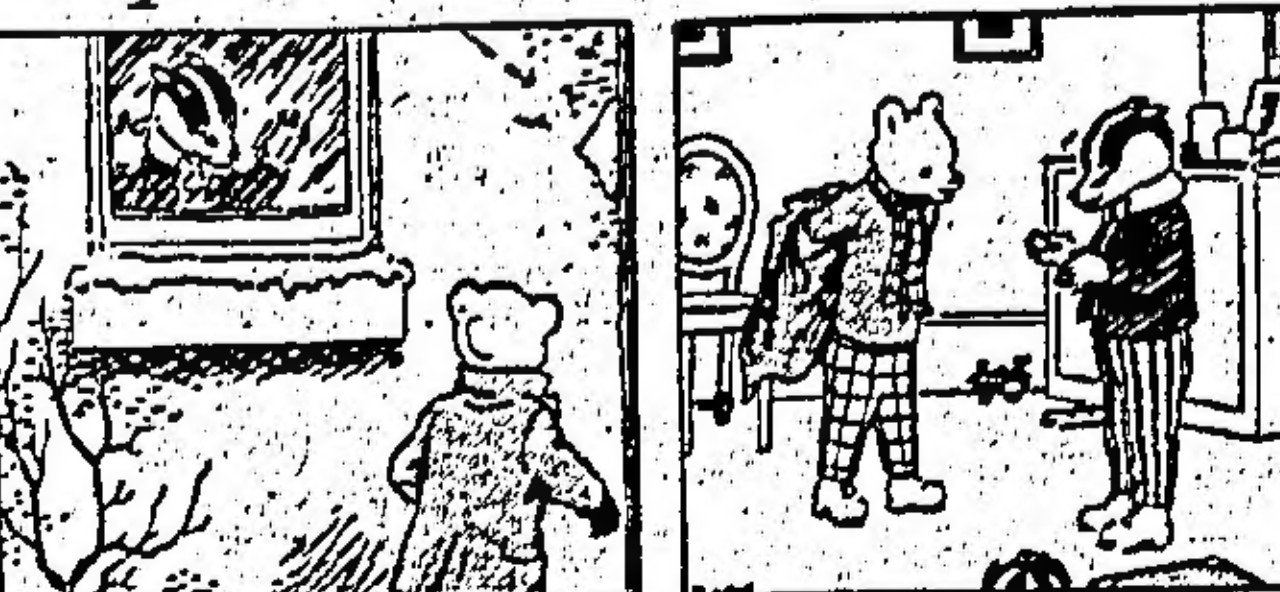
it I whistled! . . . and that made it one more, and the more I looked at it, the more it kept becoming; so no matter how much it was, it was one more."

"My goodness!" said Knarf. And he whistled.

"That makes it two more," said the man.

So Knarf said good-bye to the man and walked home, still blowing on his whistle, still more and more whistles in a world that was already filled with millions and billions and trillions of whistles, and one more.

Rupert and the Cold-cure—13



Rather sadly Rupert folds the piece of paper and slips it into his pocket. "If there's no writing on it it can't be the piece that the Professor was looking for," he thinks. Before long he reaches Bill's cottage and his pet welcomes him joyfully. "I've been feeling

poorly. Mummy thinks I'm starting a cold," says Bill. "I'll be more fun now you're here." "Yes, and I may be able to cure you," Rupert smiles. He puts one of the Professor's tablets into Bill's hand and tells how he met the Professor and his servant.

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THE TAIWAN BLUE EAGLES



Group picture of the visiting Blue Eagles softball team from Taiwan with their officials shortly before they met Saint Joseph's, the Colony Champions, at King's Park yesterday. Saints won 2-0. — China Mail Photo.

CYCLING NOTES

The Handicapper Had A Field Day In NTACA Novices Time Trial

By "NTACA"

The handicapper had a field day on Wednesday last, when in the NTACA Novices 25 miles Time Trial, the first eight riders finished with net times ranging from 57-20 to 58-49, close enough for almost anyone. In fact, the last-placed rider was just inside 1-3-0, and only one other finisher was outside the 60 minutes. Prophecy, with a vengeance.

Individual winner of the day was Bartlett of the Essex, who pushed REME's Smith into second place by a scant 5 seconds. Bigg, also Essex, getting third position another 9 seconds in arrears.

The day was fast for all but two riders, all the others improving on their previous best times, both Smith and Bigg turning in times in the 1-4 region.

There are now three participants with 5 points apiece, pressing close on the heels of Clegg and Hoad, who have 7 each. The three are all from the one team, the Essex, who lead in the team competition by 18 points to the 15 each of the Pegasus CC and the REME CC. The heavy rains and strong winds of Sunday kept all but five stalwarts from riding in the RAP Novices 30 miles Time Trial. Winner was Jones, 7 Husars, who rode magnificently to return a time of 1-16-05, only 58 seconds outside the Colony record held by his team-mate, Holt. Second actual fastest time

was by Bigg, almost 8 minutes in arrears with Deely in third place a minute slower.

Points totals and placings of the RAP contestants are not to hand, but it is a fairly close thing between Jones and Hoad, with Bigg close up.

The next events in the series are the 16 Miles Australian Pursuit on Wednesday 8th, run by the NTACA, and the RAP 10 miles Time Trial on Sunday at 10.30 a.m.

GOOD NEWS

Some good news for the ones short of cycle clothing. The NAAFI have at last agreed to obtain a selection of Jerseys from UK, and hope to have them here before the start of the next season. It is understood that the Hon. Sec. of NTACA sent to NAAFI Headquarters in London, a cutting from the "China Mail", which bemoaned the apathetic attitude of NAAFI towards the cyclist. It appears to have had the desired result.

A query has been received, asking for advice on the changing of the position by a competitor in the Novice Competitions. He writes, "As all the events in these competitions are of short distances, how can I alter my position to give me more speed without upsetting the basic position I shall use in the longer distance races during the season proper?"

It is really quite simple. The object is to alter your position to give more thrust at the pedals, at the same time maintaining the relative distances between the three points of contact. Obtain three slats of wood, each about 30 inches long. Nail them together in a triangle, with the points resting on the Peak of the saddle, the centre of the bottom bracket spindle and the grips of your handlebars. Using the centre of the bottom bracket as a pivot, adjust your saddle and bars so that the points of the triangle still touch the original three places.

In this instance, your saddle will go forward and upwards, to bring you more over the bars, and the bars will go forward and down. Keep the triangle for use to regain your

original position, when the season starts. It is also useful when stripping your machine for maintenance.

SHEER RIDING ABILITY

After a fine start in the Tour of the South-east Provinces, British cyclists fell away in the second half of the race, leaving Robinson to finish on his own, well down on the eventual winner, Gauli of Luxembourg. This merely serves to emphasise that sheer riding ability is not enough if we are to compete on level terms with the supermen from the Continent.

In all the long stage-races, the top-liners take things fairly easily until the middle and end of the race, where our boys seem to put in all they have in the first few stages. They undoubtedly earn a lot of credit for aggressive riding by doing this, but surely the object is to win the race, not merely a stage or so.

The Scottish Three Day Race was won by the fast-improving Tony Hewson, who also led the NCU Team to victory over the Velo Club Stella.

In the seven day Tour of Ireland, another English boy, Brian Haskell, took the victor's laurels after leading for five days. The event was marred by its usual spate of punctures, its accidents and the typical Irish weather. The Midland Counties CA supplied the winning team, with the Irish lads in second place, heading off the England group by a minute.

Veteran Magni won the tough Tour of Italy, with the Swiss Koblet second, after a very close race. Magni has acquired a fine team of young riders who do everything for him but turn his pedals, and it looks as though he and his equips will be heading many more prize-lists this year.

News from the Army Cycling Union is that it will hold a Best All Rounder Time Trial Championship this year. Details of events, etc., are not yet to hand, but will be published as soon as received.

One of the big questions of British cycling at the moment is the composition of the Team France. Why not YOU pick your team for the job, and let me have them before next Sunday?

WITH 20 MINUTES TO SPARE

SURREY BEAT YORKSHIRE TO TAKE A LEAD OF 20 POINTS

London, June 7.

In a match which may prove to be one of the decisive ones of this season's English County Cricket Championship, Surrey, leader of the League, today beat Yorkshire, the second team, by 41 runs, at the Oval.

Surrey, holders of the title for the past three years, thus retained their unbeaten record this season and now, with the maximum number of points — 96 — from their eight matches, have a lead of 20 points over Yorkshire, who were runners-up last season.

Surrey batted first on Saturday but, caught on a drying wicket, were dismissed out for 88 runs. Appleyard, the England off-break bowler, took seven wickets for only 28 runs. Lock was top Surrey scorer with 21 not out.

Yorkshire replied with 131. Willie Watson, former England Test player, being top scorer with 52 runs.

Loader (medium fast), who took Hutton's wicket before the England captain had scored, and Lock (slow left-arm), both England players, each captured four wickets for 38 and 35 runs respectively.

In their second innings yesterday Surrey made 261 runs for seven wickets. Fletcher, one of the Surrey Openers, made 84 runs and Peter May, new England captain, made 58 before being caught and bowled by Trueman.

POSTWAR BOWLERS

This morning, the London side declared at their overnight total. Three more England Test bowlers—the majority of England's postwar bowlers were involved in this encounter—shared the wickets.

Lock (left-arm) had the best analysis with three for 87 and Trueman (fast) and Wardle (slow left-arm) both took two wickets apiece.

Yorkshire were thus left with 216 to get in four hours and 20 minutes. They failed by 41 runs but there were only 20 minutes left to play.

It was a gallant effort, particularly after their openers Hutton (he again fell to Loader, this after scoring one run), and Lawson, for only four runs. Sutcliffe (son of the famous English player)—40—and Watson—30—pulled the side round.

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THOMAS CUP

Sir George Thomas Picks Kobbero-Natekar Singles As The Best Match

Singapore, June 7.

Sir George Thomas, President of the International Badminton Federation and donor of the Thomas Cup, picked the match between Finn Kobbero of Denmark and Nandu Natekar of India as the best of the series.

Sir George, who watched all the four matches played from the Inter-Zone semi-finals, said that "the exchanges were never one-sided. I found it the most gripping match in the series."

The match between Kobbero and Natekar stretched to three sets before the Dane won by 3-15, 15-6, 15-10.

Sir George picked Eddie Choong's game against Jörn Skarup as the second best in the series. The Malaysian boy won in straight sets but Choong was fully stretched in both sets before Skarup conceded the last point.

Malaya's Doubles combination of Ong Poh-lim and Ooi Teik-hock was picked as the

World's best Doubles pair but Sir George would not say they were the best combination of all time. He thought J. F. Devlin and G. S. B. Mack in the form they showed in the early 20's would have beaten the Malaysian combination.

Other comments by Sir George were: Denmark's Hansen possesses the hardest smash today; Wong Peng-soon of Malaya is not as good as he was previously; Finn Kobbero will not become a really great player until he is capable of concentrating harder and playing at the top form throughout a match—United Press.

BECKENHAM LAWN TENNIS RESULTS

Beckenham, June 7. Top seeds in the Beckenham Lawn Tennis tournament which opened here today are Tony Trabert and Herbie Flam of the United States. They both had easy victories against young Australian opponents.

The principal results were as follows: Men's Singles—1st round: T. Trabert (USA) beat G. Radford (Australia) 6-2, 6-1.

J. Barbey (Belgium) beat G. Forbes (South Africa) 10-8, 8-6. LEUNG WING LOK (Malaya) beat I. Froman (South Africa) 6-2, 6-1.

G. Shea (USA) beat W. Anderson (Belgium) 7-5, 6-2. R. Bedard (Canada) beat A. Quist (Australia) 4-6, 8-4, 8-1.

V. Vermaak (South Africa) beat J. Ward (Belgium) 6-1, 6-1. A. Marshall (Australia) beat W. Van Voorhees (USA) 6-0, 6-3.

H. Flam (USA) beat A. Gubb (Australia) 8-3, 6-2. Women's Singles—1st round: Miss J. Middleton (Belgium) beat Miss D. Killan (South Africa) 6-3, 8-6.

Mrs. H. Brewer (USA) beat Miss M. Hagan (Australia) 6-1, 6-3. Miss L. Brough (USA) beat Miss J. Staley (USA) 6-2, 6-4.

Miss V. Koortzen (South Africa) beat Mrs. H. Hopman (Australia) 6-3, 3-6, 6-2. Mrs. H. Redick-Smith (South Africa) beat Miss L. Pericola (Italy) 6-4, 6-0.

Miss B. Penrose (Australia) beat Miss M. Craig-Smith (Belgium) 6-3, 6-2. Mrs. A. Thomas (Belgium) beat Miss A. Maguire (USA) 6-1, 6-1.

Miss F. Muller (Australia) beat Miss L. Luxton (NZ) 7-5, 4-8, 7-5. Miss M. Carter (Australia) beat Miss V. Pitt (Belgium) 6-2, 6-2.

Miss H. Pascoe (South Africa) beat Mrs. G. Walter (Belgium) 4-6, 4-5 (retired). Women's Singles—2nd Round: Mrs. A. Shilcock (Belgium) beat Miss A. Ford (Belgium) 6-0, 6-1.—France-Press.

LEAGUE TENNIS

Results of League Tennis matches played yesterday were:

MIXED "B" DIVISION
SCAA lost to CBC by 3-4-15.
Miss C. Pugh and P. Poon (SCAA) beat Mrs. H. Lo and Shui Leung 6-1, 6-2.

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This week we have gone a long way from Hongkong to find our occupant for the Spot of Honour at the Top of the Sports Parade. A special welcome then to Pte. Nicky Gargano, of 6 Training Battalion, Royal Army Ordnance Corps. This youngster is a boxer of rare ability and outstanding achievement.

His list of successes reads like a catalogue of international boxing events for in addition to his twice won Army Lightweight Championship, he also holds the Empire Games title, the ABA and ISBA titles and now to give the story its perfect ending — for the time being at least — he has fought his way to the European title as well.

This is a truly magnificent record. It is doubtful if it has ever been equalled by a serving soldier, and probably it will be a long time before we see his sequence of brilliant successes emulated again.

In a recent article in a British sports magazine Gargano was described in glowing terms as a boxer who ranks with the best amateurs at his weight for several decades.

With a 'full house' of titles as his recommendation it seems almost certain that Gargano will be invited to represent his country at the Olympic Games in 1956. A victory in the Olympics would put a great seal on Gargano's outstanding career in the amateur ranks.

If you listened to Radio Hongkong's Sports Cavalcade last Saturday you no doubt heard one of the officials of the Motor Sports Club of Hongkong being interviewed by John Wallace. During the interview there was a discussion on the 'Blind Flying' test that was to form part of the competition being staged by the Club on Sunday.

This radio episode had an amusing sequel in a certain Sergeant's Mess where the members had met for a Saturday evening get together. The conversation soon got round to a discussion on how much an individual could achieve if he was blindfolded and acted only on the instructions he received from a colleague. The conversation developed into healthy argument, and from a practical test— with of course the ladies joining in.

It seems like an excellent chance to go along and cheer on your favourites.

According to latest reports the Aero Modellers Club at Sek Kong Village is making progress both in membership and in making plans. A few of the members have already achieved some very good flights.

The successful innovation of the Army entering two teams in the Senior Division of the Hongkong Cricket League this season has encouraged another team to give still further thought to ways and means of ensuring that as many players as possible get a chance to participate in good class cricket.

It is now understood that if the officials of the Hongkong Cricket League agree, efforts will be made to make another team in the Second Division. If this materialises it will mean that the Army will have double representation in both divisions of the league.

It has now been confirmed that the 1955-56 FARELF Hockey Championship will be staged in Hongkong. As far as can be foreseen this is the only FARELF Championship that will take place in the Colony and it will therefore be a special incentive to every hockey team here to make a special effort to reach the area final.

The comments made in this column last week about the future of Colony rugby look very much like being confirmed. It is understood that plans to re-organise the rugby programme are now well advanced and it seems almost certain that the Army will have two representative teams in the new competition. There is still no further news about the early season competition I referred to last week.

The Army was well represented in both the competitors and officials lists when the Motor Sports Club of Hongkong staged its annual series of tests at the Royal Hongkong Defence Force Headquarters last Sunday. . . .

Latest news indicates that the Land Forces Cricket League will be replaced by a knock-out competition next season.

INDIAN'S BEAT SINGAPORE 6-0

Singapore, June 7. Within 30 minutes of arriving here today from India, the Indian world champion hockey team, 'Delhi Wanderers' played and beat a Singapore team 6-0. The Indian team leaves tomorrow for New Zealand.

THE GAMBOLS



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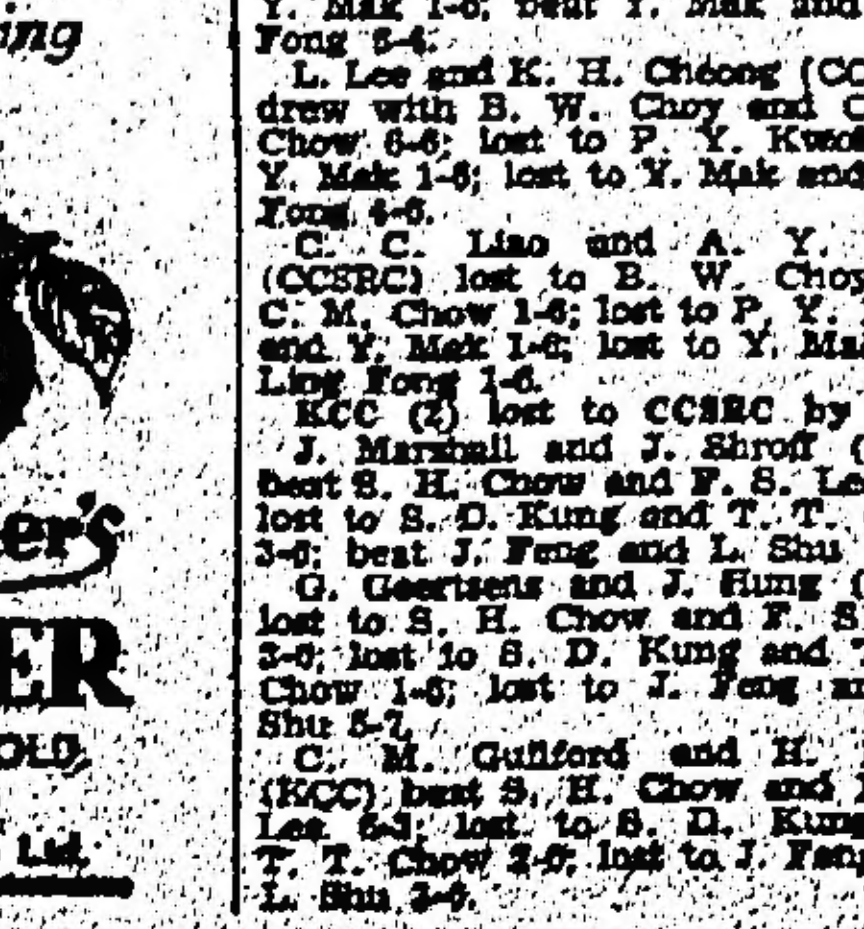
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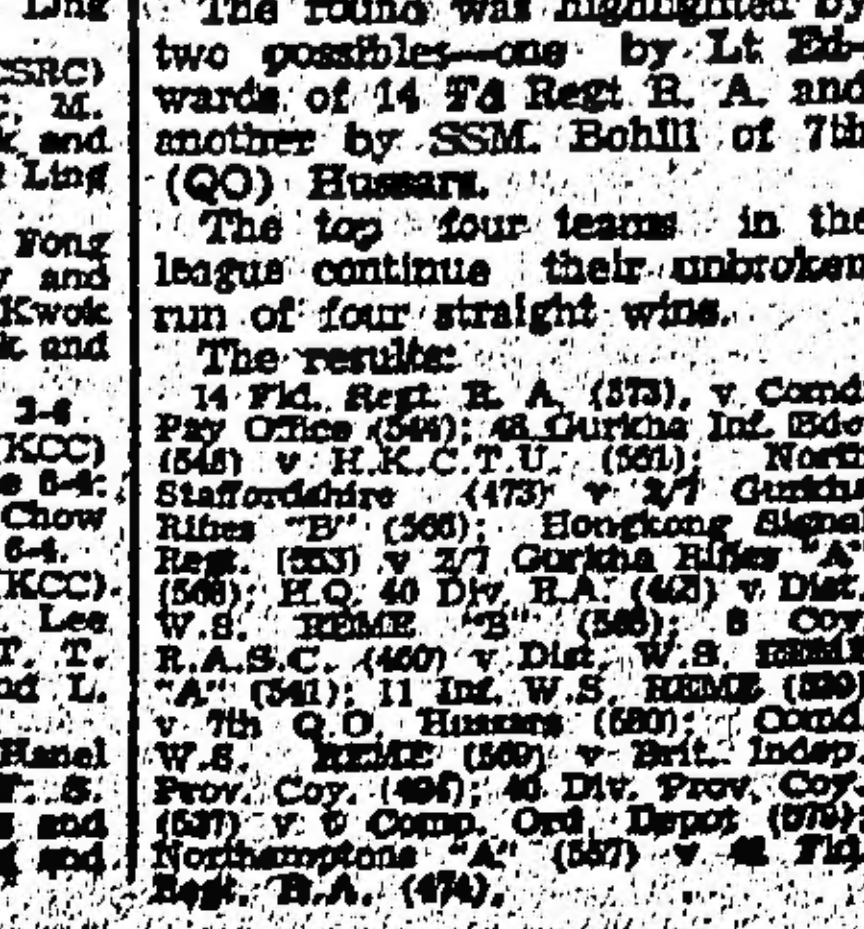
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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES

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Damaged cargo ex this vessel will
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Bayes-Davies at Horta Wharf from 10
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Comet 4 Turbojets Operational In Three Years

London, June 7.

● Viscount turboprop airliners have already flown more than 25 million miles.
● Delivery of Comet 2 turbojets, modified and their performance improved, will begin next year.

Comet 4 turbojets, to go into service in 1958, will cruise at 500 miles an hour and will carry nearly 60 passengers on practically all established inter-continental stages, including the few which exceed 2,500 miles.

Viscounts are capturing the airline business in Canada and Australia they operate up to and beyond 90 per cent capacity.

These statements—eloquent of the continuing British contribution to really modern air transport—are taken from the annual statements, just published, of two company chairmen: Sir Ronald Weeks of Vickers and Mr. W.E. Nixon of de Havilland.

Commenting on the ability of the Comet 4 to carry capacity payload on practically every inter-continental stage, Mr. Nixon says:

"To fulfil this world-wide function economically appears to us more worthwhile than the ability to fly with full load non-stop from London to New York against prevailing westerly winds of both fair and adverse seasons, but even on this route the new Comet, with one half westbound, will probably afford the fastest and favourite means of travel."

Quick To See

"The principal carriers have been quick to see the significance of the capabilities of the Comet 4 and they appreciate the wealth of experience which is being built into it, and to which there is no short cut. No air-liner design has been so thoroughly scrutinised and tested, and it is important to recall that the Comet has behind it 30,000 hours of airline operation which, apart from the one problem now resolved, was highly satisfactory."

"As a jet-propelled world airliner having the capabilities which I have mentioned we believe that the Comet 4 will be well-timed and sufficiently advanced to have a long career before it. Once again we see the possibility of earning a foothold in the world market for mainline aircraft, from which the British industry may progress in later years."

"The British industry needs a bigger market for its airliners, that is to say more extensive civil air transport operations under the British flag and a greater use of air transport by the fighting Services. Representations along these lines have been made during the past 20 years. Excellent progress with British jet engines and propeller turbines gives us a real opportunity to break into a monopoly of the world markets for large airliners but with only a small home market it is extremely difficult, and a set-back such as we have experienced in pioneering the Comet emphasises the magnitude of the task."

"At last the need for fast air transport in military service, to give mobility to our forces made formidable by the advanced nature of their weapons rather than by their numbers, seems to have recognition. Civil operations likewise need to be expanded if we are to have a fair chance of selling trunk-route airliners abroad."

Vickers Meeting

At the Annual General Meeting of Vickers, the chairman, Sir Ronald Weeks, said: "The Viscounts delivered for service now total 55, and they have flown 84,000 hours or 25 million miles. Each day, Viscounts in airline service fly a distance equivalent to nearly three times round the equator. The successful operation of the aeroplane since British European Airways' commencement in April, 1953, has encouraged old customers to place repeat orders and new customers to come along."

"In order to keep the delivery period down to two years we have again greatly increased the facilities at Hurn, the erecting shop floor space there has been more than doubled during the year, and there will eventually be a potential output from Hurn alone of 10 Viscounts per month. "The order book today for signed contracts exceeds 200; this figure includes the aircraft already delivered, also 22 802s for BEA—an increase in the BEA order for that aircraft of 10. On April 4, Trans-Canada Air Lines commenced a regular service from Toronto into New York. That the first turbine engine aircraft to operate a re-

gular service into that city should be a British aircraft is an event of which we may well be proud."

"The Viscounts in Australia are going well, the average load factor since their introduction being nearly 90 per cent."

Training Pilots

The manufacturers of the Link Trainer in this country, Air Trainers Ltd., have been developing greatly improved equipment primarily for small airline operators. This is the electro-mechanically operated AT100 Instrument Flying Trainer, which uses a large number of standard Link components, has side-by-side seating, is "twin-engine" and possesses excellent asymmetric flying qualities. It is, therefore, now possible to train first and second pilot together or alternatively, to seat the instructor alongside his pupil.

The Link type of instructor's desk is replaced by the AT500 Automatic Radio Aids. Unit which includes the automatic functioning of a wide variety of radio and navigational aids. The AT100 Type Trainer, which incorporates a new mechanical flight and engine computer system, is a logical development of the standard model. The cockpit layout, instrumentation and flying characteristics conform with those of specific aircraft, and Viscount type trainers are being built for Trans-Canada Air Lines, who have also ordered North Star type trainers, and Capital Airlines.

Air Trainers manufacture a fully electronic simulator which reproduces even more closely an aircraft's flying characteristics. So far, Ambassador and Viscount simulators have been built for British European Airways and the Meteor for the Royal Air Force.

The manufacturers announce that the first standard AT100 and AT500 unit has just been shipped to the Canadian Department of Transport and that the value of orders from the American and Canadian markets for standard and type trainers is already approaching the half million dollar mark. Other orders or firm inquiries have been received from France, India, Australia, Burma, Indonesia, Israel, Pakistan, Holland, South Africa and other countries.

Cosmic Contest

The long-distance airliner of the future may be a rocket-propelled "space hotel," shooting round the world, on express, non-stop schedules, refuelling in mid-air when necessary.

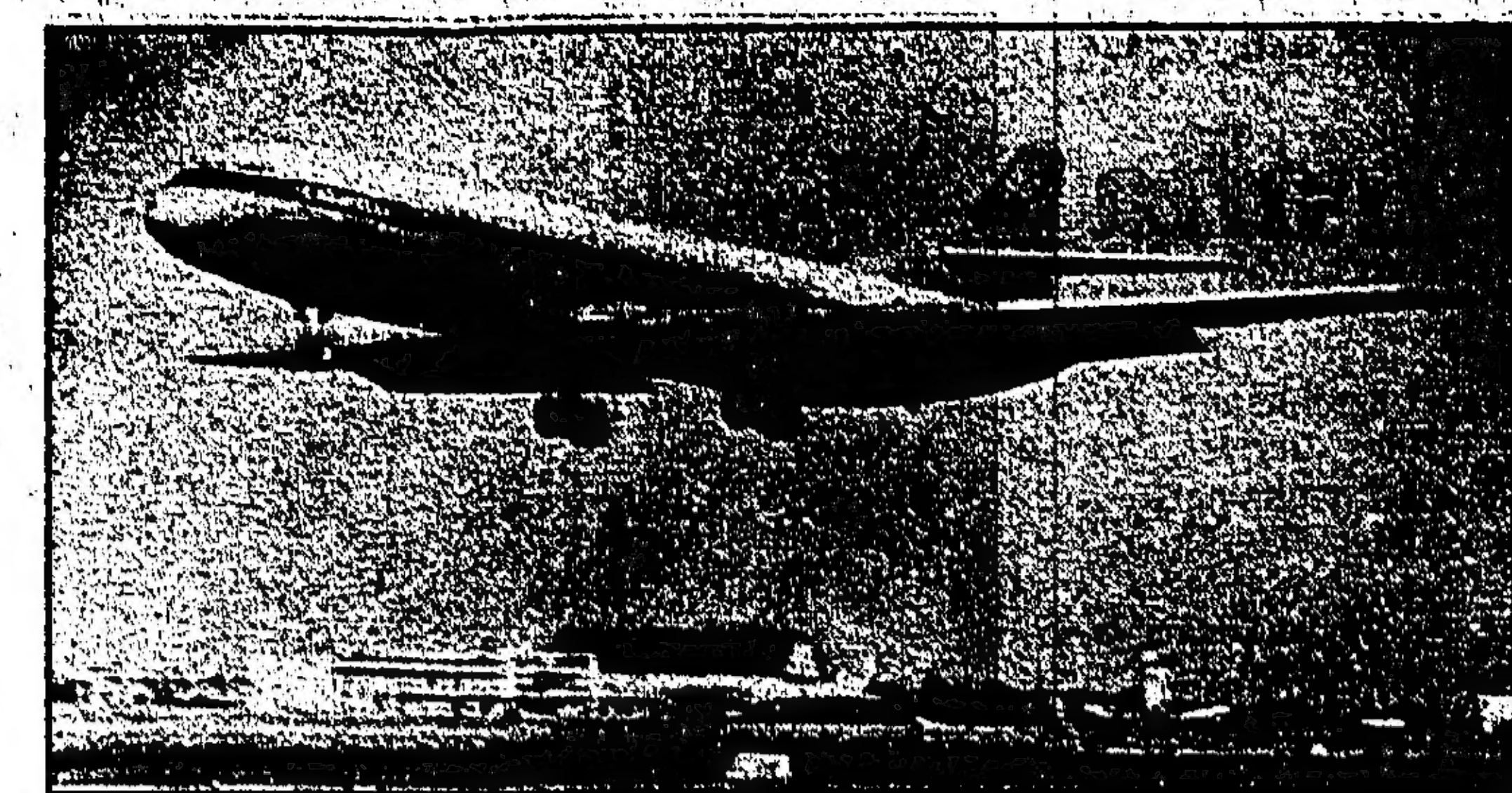
It may be a two-toned double-decker, transparent for sight-seeing, equipped with two-way TV, radio and telephone facilities—in addition, of course, to swimming pool, barber shop, beauty parlour, children's play-room and restaurants.

So go some of the predictions of scientists, engineers, housewives, businessmen, and 12-year-old boys in entries already submitted to TWA's Cosmic Contest, which has but two months longer to run. Vying for a \$50,000 prize, payable in 1965 for the prediction that comes closest to what airline travel will be like in that year, are several thousand enthusiastic oldsters and youngsters from nearly all 48 states, the District of Columbia and Hawaii, locally, and from many foreign countries.

Many of these amateur "science fiction" writers, in 200 words or less, see short air trips of the future in trans-Atlantic and trans-Pacific air ferries which will leave every hour on the hour. No reservations will be needed, for fares will be paid as the passengers enter via turnstile, or an air-conductor on board will collect.

Pill Meals

Food service—some guess—will range from large cafeteria style to pill form. Self-service vending machines will be handy for snacks, cooking—full-meals aboard will be accomplished by atomic heat.



a home in one part of the world with office and work in another.

Trans World Airways, sponsoring the Cosmic Contest as part of its 30th anniversary celebration, has already received the suggestion that its corporate name be changed in 1965 to "Trans Universe Airways."

Midnight, July 31, 1955, is the postmark deadline for all predictions, which must be in TWA headquarters for micro-filming and storing away by August 31.

A numbered postcard is the entrant's receipt for his cosmic prediction, which he may either staple to his will, place in a safe deposit box, or tuck under the mattress for the next three decades.

Par 1 of the Cosmic Contest offers another \$50,000 in prize money for the best 30-word statement on the merits of air travel. Closer at hand, this prize money will be awarded before 1955 is out.

RN FLYING TROOPERS

London, June 7.
The Royal Navy has organised a "flying troopship" service to carry relief crews by special airliners out to ships serving in the Far East, prolonging the operational career of warships abroad and saving them thousands of miles of travel.—China Mail Special.

The prototype of the Caravelle, the new French airliner, seen during its first flight over Toulouse. Powered by two Rolls-Royce jet engines, it weighs about 40 tons and can carry 10 passengers. Departing from usual procedure, the jets are placed well in the rear.

—Central Press Photo.

Menon Going To Montreal

London, June 7.
Mr. Krishna Menon, India's chief delegate to the United Nations, will leave here tomorrow night for Montreal to attend the International Control Commission for Indo-China, it was announced here tonight. Mr. Menon will subsequently return to New York.

Well informed sources here believed that the Indian roving ambassador will travel to Washington to inform the Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, of his recent talks with the Chinese Communist Premier, Mr. Chou En-lai.

The talks were believed to have touched on the Formosan problem and the question of the release of the remaining United States airmen imprisoned in China.—France-Press.

Mail Notices

The latest times of posting shown below are those for unregistered correspondence posted at G.P.O. Hongkong. The latest posting times elsewhere which, in general, are earlier than G.P.O. times can be ascertained by enquiry at the local office. The latest posting times for registered articles are generally one hour earlier than the times shown below. Particulars regarding parcel mail can be ascertained by enquiry at any post office.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8
By Air
Indo-China, 6 p.m.
Formosa, 6 p.m.
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Great Britain, Europe, 8 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Macao, 6 p.m.
THURSDAY, JUNE 9
By Air
Philippines, 5 p.m.
Guam, Hawaii, U.S.A., 2 p.m.
Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain, Europe, 8 p.m.
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 9.30 a.m.
Malaya, S. Africa, (West Africa) 7 p.m. (via Lagos), 7 p.m.
Thailand, 1 p.m.
Macao, 2 p.m.
Korea, 2 p.m.
Macao, 5 p.m.

BUSY BOATS

London, June 7.
British lifeboats had their busiest May for 131 years last month, putting to sea 64 times to answer distress calls and saving 80 lives.—China Mail Special.

GERMAN CABINET RESHUFFLED

Bonn, June 7.

Three new West German Cabinet Ministers called on President Theodor Heuss today to be appointed to their new posts and collect the deed of appointment.

They are Dr. Heinrich von Brentano, floor leader of the Christian Democrats in the Bundestag (lower house), who succeeds his Party chief, Chancellor Konrad Adenauer, as foreign minister, Herr Theodor Blank, first West German Defence Minister and also a Christian Democrat, and Herr Hans Joachim von Merkatz of the German Party, who succeeds a Party colleague as Minister for Bundesrat (upper house) Affairs.

They will take their oath of office before the Bundestag President, Herr Eugen Gerstenmaier, when the House meets in plenary session tomorrow. Dr. Brentano was already under attack from Herr Herbert Wehner, a leading member of the Social Democratic opposition who charged today that the new Minister did not regard unity as his supreme aim.

OBSTACLE

His recent interview with an American news weekly showed he wanted to make German unity dependent on the inclusion of all Germany in the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation and such a request was an obstacle to successful Four Power talks, Herr Wehner said.

Diplomatic observers here are unanimous in expecting no policy changes from the Cabinet reshuffle. All three of the new Ministers belong to the "younger generation" of Bonn politicians. In appointing them Dr. Adenauer has allowed for "pressure from below" on the Government while retaining complete personal control.—Reuter.

New Brunswick, June 7.
Dr. Selman A. Waksman, discoverer of streptomycin, said here there was promise of the development of new drugs to combat tumours, viruses, diseases causing fungi and protozoa. Of tumour diseases Dr. Waksman said it had been established during the last few years that "some of the antibiotics possess definite anti-tumour properties."—China Mail Special.

AIR CRASH

Directed Down Wrong Runway

London, June 7.

A British European Airways turboprop airliner which crashed with 35 people aboard was accidentally directed to take off on an old disused runway at London airport last January, it was alleged here today.

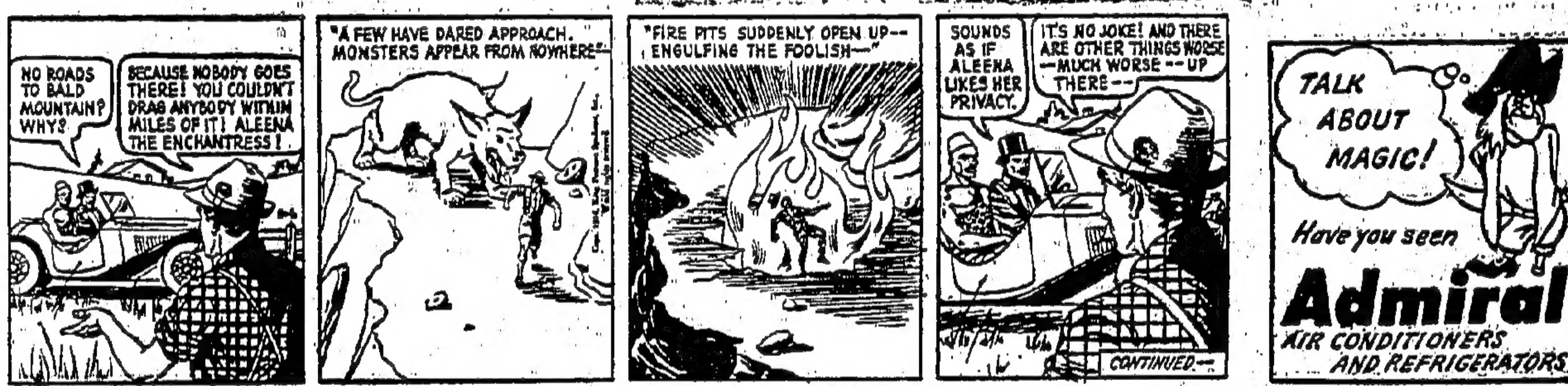
A court of inquiry was told that the Viscount airliner, bound for Rome, Athens and Istanbul, started off down this runway in foggy weather and having gained considerable speed "suddenly encountered various obstructions and crashed."

Counsel for the Attorney-General, referring to the "unusual circumstances" added that "fortunately" one might almost say miraculously although the aircraft was seriously damaged there was no serious injury to the crew or passengers.

Two people were injured in the accident last January 16. The inquiry continues.—China Mail Special.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



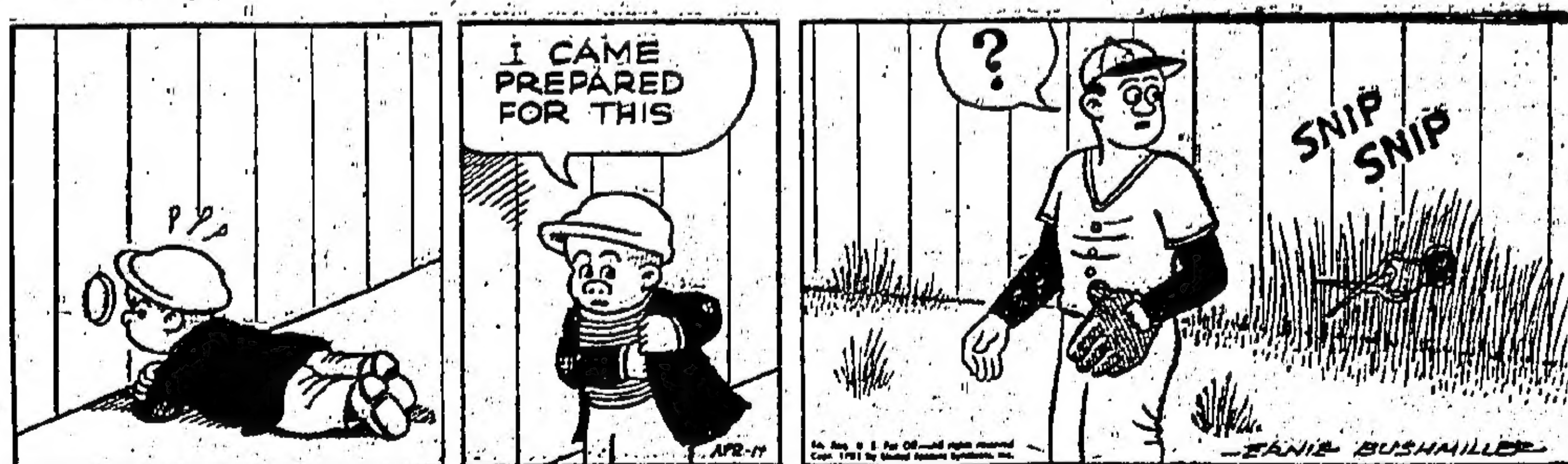
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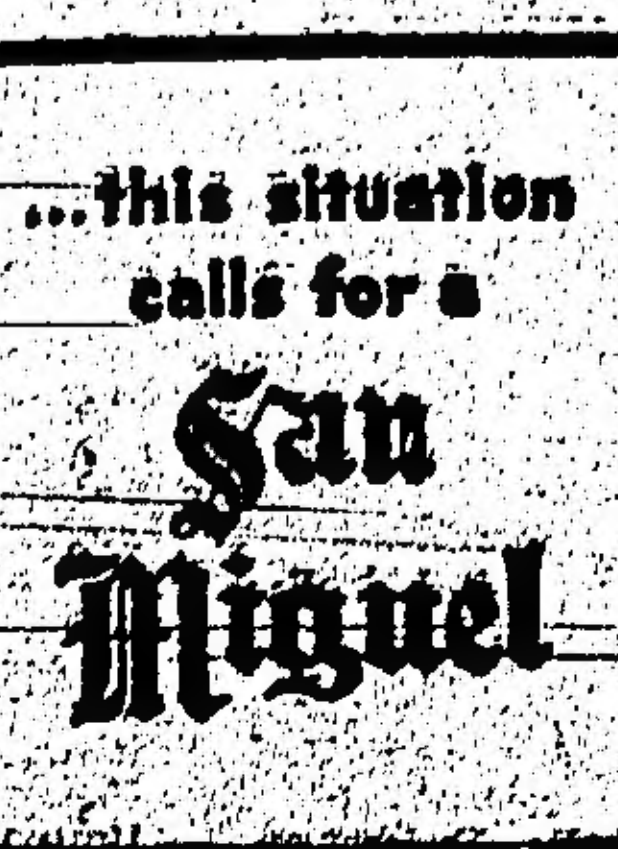
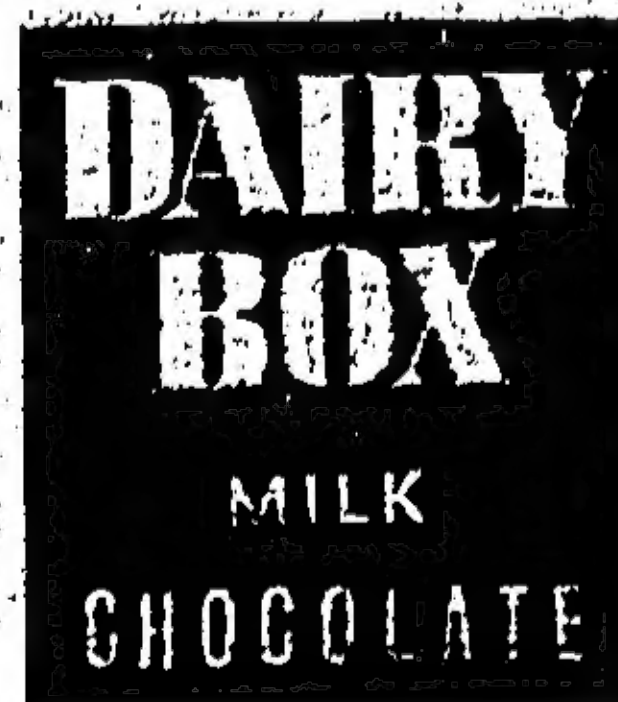
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JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

Doing It Himself

THE craze was everywhere. Do It Yourself, the posters cried, and all kinds of literature echoed the cry. The cult was catching on so fast that no craftsman, except perhaps surgeons, could sleep certain that amateurs were not massing to take over their market.

In all London no one, probably, found himself so much in tune with the new times as a man called Arthur.

MASTER OF 2 ARTS
GARDENING and carpentry were Arthur's special interests.

By day he worked long hours at a job that was not too dull, to earn about £12 a week—a sum he found sufficient to provide for himself, his wife and their six-year-old son.

By night Arthur became a master at his chosen crafts, and Capability Brown had no higher ambitions as a gardener, nor Sherraton as a maker of furniture, than Arthur doubling for the two of them had on his Do It Yourself nights at home.

A KIND OF VIRTUE
But Laurence Brown, whose name became Capability, and Sherraton were never faced with the kind of difficulties that beset Arthur. They had patrons to provide the tools for the job. Arthur had not.

He took to spending his luncheon hours, all his spare time from the office, gazing enviously at counter displays in shops that sold gardening implements and the shining weapons of a carpenter's armory.

One day Arthur, a model citizen aged 51, fell a victim to temptation. He stole a pair of shears, a hose-adaptor and other things to help him in his gardening. No one saw him steal, which lent a kind of virtue to the operation.

A few days later, he strolled from his office during the lunch hour, meaning to look around for ornaments that would complete his toolchest as a carpenter.

A DEEPLY REGRET
He stole two screwdrivers, a file, a steel rule and other things. He left the shop and began to saunter back to his office. No one seemed to have noticed his thefts. Or so he was allowed to think until he had gone 15 yards from the shop. Then the store-detective touched him on the arm.

At the Clerkenwell court, Arthur pleaded guilty to stealing the tools, and asked the magistrate, Mr. Frank Powell, to take his theft of the gardening things into consideration.

There's nothing known against this man," a police officer said. "He's led a perfectly respectable life, always been in work."

"I deeply regret this," Arthur said. "All I can do is to throw myself on your mercy."

SHEER GRIEF
"It's absolutely disgusting, isn't it?" the magistrate confabulated.

"Yes," Arthur nodded. "One wonders," the magistrate went on, "how many things you get away with. I think it is outrageous," shearer grieved. Does your wife know?"

"Yes," Arthur said, "she's most upset."

"It passes my comprehension," said the magistrate. "As it's the first time, and for the sake of your wife and child, I won't send you to prison, though you could go for 12 months. Pay a fine of £10."

"Yes, sir," Arthur said. "Have you got it with you?" the gaoler whispered. Arthur nodded impatiently. He wanted no time to pay, no help. His motto was "Do It Yourself."

Writ For Contempt Of Court

A writ of attachment against Edward Sum, alias Sum Pak-shing, of 34 Wyndham Street, first floor, was issued by Mr Justice J. Wicks in the Supreme Court this morning on an application by Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, instructed by Mr M. A. da Silva, on behalf of Li Fook-cheung, of 1 Gilman Street, ground floor, merchant.

The application for a writ was for contempt of Court by defendant's failure to pay into Court a sum of \$234,800 before May 23 last, pursuant to an order of the Court dated May 25.

According to Mr Bernacchi, the sum involved was trust money concerned in other litigation before the Court. Counsel referred to a number of affidavits filed with the Court and said that defendant could not be served as he could not be found.

He read an affidavit by defendant's wife in which she said defendant had left the Colony for Indo-China, and another affidavit by defendant's sister-in-law in which she said that defendant was taking a holiday in Silvermine Bay.

Counsel further read an affidavit by a clerk of Mr Silva's office in which he said he had made extensive enquiries of Silvermine Bay last Monday concerning defendant but ascertained he was not there.

Mr Bernacchi cited numerous authorities in support of his submission that the Court could grant the application sought without personal service on the defendant. He said it was obvious that defendant wished to avoid the process of the Court and was in hiding or, as his wife had stated, "had fled to Indo-China."

In granting the application, Mr Justice Wicks awarded costs to the plaintiff, to be paid forthwith.

ATTLEE'S DECISION

(Continued from Page 1)

ment is to weld itself into effective unity.

Though they admire Mr Morrison, they point out he will be over 70 before the Conservative Government's five year spell of office is ended and Labour has the chance to fight another election.

Another possibility for the leadership, according to informed sources, is Mr James Griffiths, former Colonial Secretary, who is 63 and is one of the most trusted of the party hierarchy.

"Moderate," he nevertheless commands wide respect from the 1,400,000 strong political wing of the Party, where left-wingers predominate. He is the only non-Bevanite in a group of seven seats on the National Executive filled by the political wing—the local Labour parties throughout Britain.

WILL NYE BEVAN CHALLENGE?
The Labour leaders this week met their parliamentary supporters and invited them to notify by Friday their nominations for leader, deputy leader and chief whip for the Parliamentary session now beginning.

Big questions mark whether Mr Morrison will be challenged by Mr Bevan for the post of deputy leader.

In this "short term" election of leaders, no challenge to Mr Attlee is expected.

Once the three key officers are appointed, the party, in the course of the next two weeks, will vote by secret ballot for the election of the remainder of the "shadow cabinet," which has a total of fifteen House of Commons members and three from the House of Lords.

Bevanites who had only one representative in last season's "shadow cabinet"—Mr Harold Wilson—are expected to make a determined bid to increase their strength.

But the changes now imminent will be but the prelude to the bigger convulsion to be saved for the annual delegate conference, which will be a major "inquest" on Labour's election defeat. Reuter.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"I don't care so much about your baby-sitting experience—how are you at wrestling and the 100-yard dash?"

Fined \$1,500 For False Declaration

The Assistant Manager of Tai Wah Weaving Factory, of 65 Po Kwong Road, was fined \$1,500 by Mr. I. T. Morris at Kowloon this morning for making a false declaration in his application for a certificate of origin.

The defendant, Poon Kwok-ching, had declared at the Department of Commerce and Industry on April 16 that 25 dozen shirts his firm had made were of nylon. In fact, the Prosecution said, the garments were made of an acetate material.

Senior Revenue Inspector, J. Allen, stressed the seriousness of the offence and said that the certificate of origin was a highly valued document and a means of respect in foreign countries.

He added that at the time when the other countries were criticising Hongkong product such an offence would reflect on the integrity of Hongkong merchants, and it fairly were not detected here, it might cause a restriction of Hongkong goods by other countries.

Defendant said that his factory made the garments from the material supplied by an import and export firm which the firm informed him was nylon, and he declared it accordingly.

CROSS-EXAMINED
In cross-examination this morning, accused told Crown Counsel that he left the store-room at 12 midnight and had locked the door behind him. That was the last time he was there, he said.

Cheng said he went back to the premises that night with some documents. He occasionally kept there and he spent the night there, he said. He worked at his desk on his personal affairs and also attended to subscriptions received from members for 1954. It was not necessary to refer to either the 1954 ledger or cash book to make the entries, he said.

Accused said he did not know the two books had not been found. He could give no reason why they should be missing. They were audited by the auditors of the Association. He did not know if there was anything wrong with them. So far as he knew there was nothing wrong with them.

He denied a suggestion that he went back that night to prepare an audit that was coming shortly. He further denied that his books were wrong and that he knew it.

Hearing is continuing.

Radio Hongkong

H.K.T. Time Signal and Programme Summary: 8.55, Lucky Dip—Variety Request presented by Jean (Studio); 9, "Then and Now," A Talk by a Bertrand Russell O.M. No. 4—From Logic to Politics (H.K.T.); 1.15, Rhythmic Interlude; Kito Lake (piano) and Jack Titson (Guitar) (Concert Hall); 7.30, "A Life of Blues" Written by Godfrey Harrison. Produced by Leslie Bridgman. Part 1 (H.K.T.); 7.55, Weather Report; 8, Time Signal and The News (London Relay); 8.50, Commentary (London Relay) or Special Announcement; 9.15, Composer of the Week—Berlioz; 9.45, Gypsy Nights; 9, Time Signal; Piano Recital by Caroline Braga (Concert Hall); 9.50, Wednesday Theatre, "Joseph Proctor's Money" Written and adapted by Rex Renda from the novel by W.L. Lane Crawford. Produced for the Garrison Players by Eric O'Neill Shaw. 10.15, Rhythmic Interlude; 10.30, Weather Report; 11, Time Signal; Radio News Reel (London Relay); 11.15, Goodnight Music; 11.55, The Queen; 12.30, Close Down.

Full Court Turns Down Crown's Application On Gold Seizure

An application by the Crown for orders of certiorari and mandamus relating to a Magistrate's finding that he had no jurisdiction to hear an application for forfeiture of a quantity of gold alleged to have been imported without a licence from the Director of Commerce and Industry was refused by the Full Court, comprising the acting Chief Justice (Mr Justice T. J. Gould), and the acting Puisne Judge (Mr Justice J. Wicks) in the Full Court this morning.

The gold concerned, 60 taels, was seized on board the vessel Wing Sang in Hongkong harbour on September 16, 1954.

In its decision, the Full Court said that though the Crown had elected to go under the Importation and Exportation Ordinance, and though there was no one convicted under the Defence Regulations, it proposed to invoke the forfeiture provisions of the latter.

"This would be in our opinion contrary to the spirit and intention of Regulation 84 and too close to contravening Regulation 83 and offending the maxim 'Nemo debet bis vexari' to warrant the assistance of this Court in the exercise of its discretion," the Full Court declared.

The Crown was represented by Mr J. W. D. Hobley, Crown Counsel. Mr A. J. Clifford, instructed by Mr E. G. S. Stevenson, of Messrs J. C. Stewart and Co., appeared for the claimant of the gold, Young Lam-po.

THE JUDGMENT

The decision of the Full Court read: This is an application for orders of certiorari and mandamus relating to a Magistrate's finding that he had no jurisdiction to hear an application for forfeiture of a quantity of gold alleged to have been imported without a licence from the Director of Commerce and Industry. Such importation is said (and it has not been challenged before) to be contrary to the Import Control Order, 1947 (and subsequently amended) made under Regulation 50 of the Defence Regulations, 1947, of which Regulations 50, 84 and 93 among others have been kept in force by order of His Excellency the Governor under the Supplies & Services (Transitional Powers) Act, 1945 and the Supplies & Services (Transitional Powers) (Colonies) Order in Council, 1946. Defence Regulation 84 provides that any person committing an offence under the Regulations shall be liable to penalties. The regulation then continues—

"Where any offence against these Regulations shall have been committed, whether any person shall have been convicted in respect thereof or not, it shall be lawful for the Court or Magistrate to order that the goods to which the Regulations apply shall be forfeited to the Crown or to any person claiming or appearing to the Court or Magistrate to be the owner of or having an interest in such article an opportunity of being heard."

Provided that it shall be lawful for the Court or Magistrate to exercise discretion to give effect to any claim for relief from such forfeiture where such claim has been established to his satisfaction or equitable, moral or other grounds."

A MERE SLIP
When the application came before the learned Magistrate (Mr H. B. How) he found, for reasons which shall be considered later, that he had no jurisdiction to entertain it, and he then purported to "dismiss" it; it is clear from his written judgment that the use of this word was a mere slip and that what the magistrate meant was that he had no jurisdiction to deal with the application. A claimant or person interested in the gold (hereinafter called "the claimant") appeared before the Magistrate by Counsel and also in the proceedings before the Court. Before coming to the merits of the matter it will be convenient to deal shortly with the submission of Counsel for the claimant that on an appeal lay from the Magistrate's decision, and that therefore, such remedy being at least equally convenient, orders of certiorari and mandamus should not be made.

The provisions governing appeals from magistrates are to be found in Sections 103 and 111 of the Magistrates Ordinance (Cap. 227). The first part of Section 103 is as follows—

"103. Within seven clear days after the hearing and determination by a magistrate of any complaint, information, charge or other proceeding which has power to determine—(a) summary way, either party thereto or any person convicted thereby may appeal in question by way of appeal any conviction, order, determination or other proceeding as aforesaid on the ground that it is erroneous in point of law, or that it is in excess of jurisdiction, may apply in writing to the magistrate to state and sign."

Section 111 (1) is as follows— "111. (1) Any person aggrieved by any conviction, order or determination of a magistrate in respect of or in connection with any offence, or by any conviction, order or determination in manner hereinbefore provided to a judge of the court."

While it might appear at first sight that the phrase "determination or other proceeding as aforesaid" in Section 103 and the words "determination" in Section 111, if widely construed, might cover a decision of the type in question here, similar words have been judicially considered in England, and it has been held that they do not apply to a refusal to assume jurisdiction. The sections in question and the interpretation placed upon them in *Pratt v. A.A. Sites Ltd.* [1953] 2 K.B. 459 are set out in the judgment of Humphreys J., a member of the Divisional Court.

Following this decision we find that no appeal lay in the present case and that the remedy, if otherwise appropriate, and if the Magistrate's decision was in fact erroneous, is mandamus.

It was submitted before the Magistrate on behalf of the claimant that this was a case in which he should apply for a writ of mandamus "Generalis specialibus non derogat," in that special provision existed prior to the Import Control Order, 1947 for the forfeiture of articles in respect of which an offence against the Importation & Exportation Ordinance had been committed. The argument was that Defence Regulation 50 is a general and very wide regulation and should therefore be read as silently excluding from its operation such matters as were the subject of prior specific legislative provision. We would be disinclined to accept this view as, however general Regulation 50 may be, the Import Control Order, 1947, is quite specific in its terms and it relates to the importation of goods without a licence. In our opinion, however, the matter is put beyond doubt by specific provisions (which were not brought to the Magistrate's attention) which have a strong bearing upon the way in which the Defence Regulations are to be interpreted. The first is Section 1 (4) of the Emergency Powers (Defence) Act, 1939 under which the Defence Regulations were made and the second is Defence Regulation 93.

MEANING CONSTRUED
We would construe these provisions as meaning that firstly, if there is any question of conflict between a Defence Regulation and another enactment the Defence Regulation shall prevail. Secondly, if there are provisions in a Defence Regulation parallel to those in another enactment upon a matter involving penalty, proceedings under either provision may be resumed, provided that no body shall be twice punished for the same act or omission. We consider that the submission made on these lines cannot succeed.

The real basis of the Magistrate's decision lies in his view that it was the intention of the Regulations that the forfeiture powers in Regulation 84 were to be exercised only at the conclusion of proceedings brought against some person under the Regulations, when considering the question of penalty generally. We do not see that this can be a correct view having regard to the words "whether any person shall have been convicted in respect thereof or not." It is illogical to suppose, on this wording, that it was intended that it should be a condition precedent to an application for forfeiture that some person should have been convicted or acquitted of an offence against the sections. If a person is acquitted he is presumably innocent, and the proving of the commission of an offence in respect of an article, must re-



ON THE RECORD by John Dell

The latest RCA record bulletin to reach Hongkong gives news of a revival of something done before. RCA are pairing up some of their big names and, under the phrase "All Kings—All Queens," releasing potential hit numbers.

So far the list includes Eartha Kitt and Perez Prado, Perry Como and Jaye P. Morgan, Eddy Arnold and Hugo Winterhalter.

It made me think back to the number of duet successes there have been in the recent past and, you know, there have been some very unusual pairings. Jimmy Boyd and Frankie Laine, Rosemary Clooney and Jimmy Boyd, Rosemary Clooney and Marlene Dietrich, Vic Damone and Patti Page, Jo Stafford and Liberace, Patti Page and "Artie" and so on.

Not so well known perhaps is the fact that many of the teams on discs are man and wife. You will know the Mr and Mrs Jose Ferrer combination and the Xavier Cugat-Albee Lane one. Others you may not know about are Jo Stafford and Paul Weston and June Hutton and Hugo Winterhalter.

Whilst on the subject of the family aspect of 'pop' records maybe you didn't know also that Rosemary Clooney has a younger sister called Gail who has just made a recording with her called "Open Up Your Heart." Oh I almost forgot... Les Paul and Mary Ford are another couple who are in tune together. The thing I'm waiting to hear is the first record made by a star and his motor-in-law!

WHERE THEY ARE

Frankie Laine and Spike Jones are concerned in negotiations to purchase the rights to the song "The Bird." Together with a disc jockey called Peter Potter they are hoping to get a hit with "The Bird." JEFF CHANDLER, who came to think of it hasn't been seen in so many films lately, is making a recording of "When Spring Comes" and it's being used as the theme for a film called "The Bird" which covers the radio stations in various parts of America. One thing seems certain and that is that Mr Chandler will clean up.

Man Behind The Melody
Born in Chicago, Benny began studying the clarinet so early that when he was only 13 he was playing in the Benny Goodman orchestra. Formed his own band in the 1930s and created a sensation when he opened at the Paramount Theatre in 1938 with his jazz concert and has since proven his versatility playing in many styles and has commissioned clarinet compositions by such eminent composers as Bartok.



BENNY GOODMAN

Record Review
The records under review this week are both from shows, one from the New York stage success "Wonderful Town" and the other from the Paramount picture "White Christmas." These two discs show the difference between stage and screen recordings, the "Wonderful Town" disc is graphically covered, but those who have never seen the show and the quality of the recording are far too realistic. The test of the original cast put over their song is graphically covered, but after all one has a different approach to the whole thing when listening in comfort at home, unable to see and appreciate the stage effects and the dancing.

On the other hand the "White Christmas" disc has Bill Crosby and Danny Kaye singing the songs they sang in the film, but they recorded them in the studio and it sounds just right. The pity is that Rosemary Clooney is not heard in her song. She is under contract to another label and therefore on this Brunswick record her place is taken by Peggy Lee. In the "Sisters" song Peggy is joined by Trudy Stevens and although they do a very good job, the two of them may miss their Rosemary.

Of the two records the "White Christmas" one is the most satisfactory to hear and will certainly make back the film to you. If you saw it.

The "Wonderful Town" disc on the other hand will probably not please you at all unless you are one of the few who have seen the stage show. I often wonder how many people do buy these original cast albums and although Miss Russell is one of my favorites, I must confess that her voice is such that she could be seen to have her singing appreciated.

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Commended For Honesty

While sweeping the street in Shamshu-pu one afternoon, Yip Hung, a Sanitary Department coolie picked up a heavy gold chain weighing nearly two taels. He took it to the police station. The gold chain was readily identified by a goldsmith as the one having been stolen.

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